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County Hall faces biggest shake-up in a generation to combat cuts

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TENSION is growing in the corridors of power at County Hall as council chiefs prepare to tackle the toughest round of cuts yet with a radical plan which could see widespread privatisation of services.

It follows the announcement by Kent County Council leader, Paul Carter, that austerity is here for the long-term with a further £239 million of savings needed up to 2017/18.

This figure is in addition to the £340m savings between 2011/12 and 2014/15 – £269m of which has already been delivered causing 1,600 job cuts.

But the squeeze on spending is here to stay due to another 10 per cent reduction in central government funding, forcing the hand of KCC finance chiefs into looking at transforming the whole council.

While most understand cuts are inevitable, a question mark hangs over KCC's decision to freeze council tax for the past three years – money which could have proved crucial in helping ease pressure off the council's shrinking purse.

Finance cabinet member John Simmonds said while in recent years research had shown a public understanding in the need to raise council tax to safeguard services, the latest survey revealed people were against hiking the precept.

"It's something we have to look at. Raising it by one per cent amounts to £5m. If we want to raise it by more than two per cent we have to have a referendum which would likely end up costing us £1.5m – we need to weigh up whether it's worth it," he said.

Cllr Carter admitted this week that some services will not be run by KCC in the future. The authority is in charge

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TENNIS' BIG TEST

BEST SHOT: Can sport capitalise on Andy Murray's Wimbledon success? – **SEE INSIDE**

FESTIVAL

Lounge set to rock the farm

ORGANISERS of this month's Lounge on the Farm music festival say the hot weather has sent ticket sales soaring.

The three-day event in Canterbury is now in its eighth year and is promising a return to its roots this summer, with as much emphasis on the experience as the music. **PAGE 7**

TRANSPORT

Tunnel plan for crossing?

FIERCE critics of a mounting mood towards building a third Thames crossing east of Gravesend have been told a tunnel could help ease the environmental impact.

The proposal was made by KCC leader Paul Carter at a special debate this week. Full details inside. **PAGE 12**

MILITARY

Parades set to take to streets

THOUSANDS are set to line the streets of both Tunbridge Wells and Folkestone this week to greet the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

The Tigers will be exercising their freedom of both towns as part of a series of similar parades across the south east this month. **PAGE 19**

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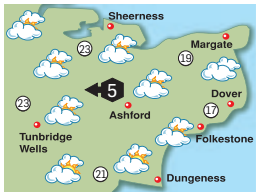
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TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	03.07	6.1	15.30	6.2
Margate	04.21	4.4	16.34	4.5
St Mary's	09.06	4.9	21.24	5.0

WEEK AHEAD

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of vital services including social care for children and adults, highways and education. He stressed he was determined to preserve those which are important to customers.

In a report due to be discussed at a county council meeting on Thursday, he outlines his future vision, which involves "a whole council transformation" approach that will begin the transition towards a new operating model.

It will mean KCC taking on more of a commissioning role, with outsourcing of some services to private companies and the voluntary sector.

Cllr Simmonds stressed there was no plan to outsource social services – insisting he was working to keep this in-house – but admitted the authority was looking across the board at the most efficient way of running things altogether.

"If you look at our adoption service, about 18 months ago we commissioned an outside firm to do the service and it's been very successful. We have to see whether this is the way forward for other services," he said.

Details of where the axe will fall are unlikely to be released until the autumn, but concerns have already been raised over the proposed integration of frontline services, including child and family support.

A question mark also hangs over jobs with fears hundreds more could go.

Labour leader at KCC, Gordon Cowan, said the cuts were being forced on the authority by the Coalition.



DECISIONS: County Hall is faced with tough choices

But he stressed that Cllr Carter needed to "take responsibility" for making the situation worse "especially for families on low incomes".

Cllr Cowan said: "Since April 2010, KCC has accepted the Government's poisoned chalice of freezing council tax and so losing between £30m and £40m which could have been available for council spending.

"If he had asked the people of Kent whether they wanted widespread cuts to services, causing misery throughout the county or – on the other hand – whether they were willing to pay just 50p a week more in council tax, it's my guess they would say 'we'll pay up'.

"Instead, Cllr Carter is spreading a shroud of misery throughout Kent – most recently in the threat of withdrawing £1.5m in support from Sure Start centres which have proved so successful in giving our young

children a flying start in life."

But KCC says the only way of moving forward with the savings needed is to transform the council with Cllr Carter insisting it would continue to deliver a "financially sustainable service" and preserve services.

"KCC has a strong track record in delivering significant change," his report stated. "Whilst the current financial projections will represent the most sustained pressure on local government finances over any period in its history, KCC has faced tough financial pressures before and successfully overcome them. It can do so again."

Leading Lib Dem Jasper Gerard, who has been campaigning against cuts, questioned the use of widespread outsourcing.

"Privatisation should follow a very simple principle: will it provide a better service at a better price? Unfortunately for Paul Carter, it appears to be ideologically driven," said Mr Gerard, who is standing in the 2015 general election for the Maidstone and the Weald seat.

"My concern is where the cuts are falling, and in particular that children are being sacrificed first.

"The department monitoring vulnerable children for the whole of Kent has been effectively closed, being turned into a 'virtual department'.

"Now children's centres across the county are being axed. Added to which there has been an explosion in the birth rate and a house-building explosion pushed by several Tory borough councils, yet KCC is doing little to provide extra school spaces.

"There needs to be economies, but not at the expense of the most vulnerable, and in particular children."

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Forget the Ashes...this is surely cricket’s most thrilling place to play

By Chris Britcher
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THESE remarkable images show the result of how Gurkha soldiers based in Kent constructed a cricket pitch in the middle of route terrain in northern Kenya for Maasai tribesmen.

Members of 70 Gurkha Field Squadron, part of 36 Engineer Regiment, based at Maidstone, created the first-ever cricket pitch in Maasailand.

The pitch, which took seven days to complete and is the most remote in all of the country, boasts views of Mount Kenya, making it arguably one of the most scenic in the world.

The project was part of a training exercise undertaken via the British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) for the Maasai Cricket Warriors, a unique team of semi-nomadic herdsman who have adopted the game of cricket in order to promote social change among their tribe.

South African cricket coach, Aliya Bauer, manager and founder of the Maasai Cricket Warriors, said: "The Gurkha Engineers have been fabulous role models who have taught the players how to work hard with unwavering commitment, dedication and a tireless work ethic, without ever complaining, while toiling

away for long hours in the heat and into the early hours of the morning.

"Having a cricket field in the Maasai Cricket Warriors' own backyard means we can invite other cricket teams and promote sporting tourism to the area while visiting teams will have the opportunity to see abundant wildlife and to experience traditional Maasai culture."

Building the pitch involved levelling a 165 x 135-metre patch of land on the side of a hill covered in dense vegetation, then installing a concrete base to international cricket standards to house the AstroTurf wicket.

Corporal Jay Pun, who helped command the task, said: "It is important for us to carry out such tasks in Kenya because we can make a big difference with a very small budget. It's also beneficial to the British Army in testing the diversity of our skills and bonding with the local people."

The Maasai, who play cricket in their traditional costume of flowing red robes with beads in their hair, are due to travel to the UK in August to play in an amateur international championship.

The immediate challenge they face, however, is to keep elephants and baboons off the pitch and plans are now afoot to erect a perimeter fence.



Pictures: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



NEW BOUNDARY: Members of 70 Gurkha Field Squadron built the first-ever cricket pitch in Maasailand

PLANNING

Protesters lose fight to save ancient woodland

PLANNING permission has been granted for a quarry in Barming near Maidstone to be extended 32 hectares into ancient woodlands.

The battle between Gallagher Aggregates Ltd and the Woodland Trust has raged for more than two years with the Hermitage Quarry owners coming out on top after a public inquiry.

The ragstone quarry will now be extended into Oaken Wood after local government minister Eric Pickles, gave the project the go-ahead on Friday.

Woodland Trust's Sue Holden said: "This is a landmark decision, but for all the wrong reasons. We are extremely concerned now that this outcome could define the level of protection given to ancient woods across England."

EDUCATION

Could a new grammar open in coastal town?

SPECULATION is sweeping the county over whether a satellite grammar school could be built in Herne Bay.

It would mean pupils living along the north Kent coast would no longer have to travel to one of Canterbury's grammars, therefore escaping the traffic chaos seen around the city during rush hour each day.

Developers have approached Barton Court about potentially opening the satellite annexe.

Plans are well under way for the creation of a satellite school in Sevenoaks – which currently has no selective provision – with Weald of Kent Grammar School in Tonbridge and Invicta Grammar School in Maidstone locked in a battle to become the lead school.



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EVENT

Normal service is resumed as Kent County Show set to bask in the sun

After last year's washout, organisers ready to welcome bumper crowds to showpiece event

By Joe Bill

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THOUSANDS of spectators heading to the Kent County Show are set to swelter as temperatures soar this weekend – a far cry from the chaos witnessed during last year's event.

The traditional agricultural showcase opened on Friday and runs until Sunday evening at the county showground in Detling.

In 2012, the event faced perhaps its toughest challenge ever after heavy rain in the hours leading up to the opening left the car parks quagmires and forced organisers to close the gates.

It left many who had snapped up tickets to the event unable to gain access to the site and infuriated stall holders, who found themselves with reduced crowds.

But this year the county show looks set to be blessed with good weather, as forecasters predict long hot sunny spells, with just a mild threat of some thunderstorms.

Chairman of the show's organisers, the Kent County Agricultural Society, is Kevin Attwood.

He took over the reins after last year's debacle which saw losses in excess of £250,000.

Speaking after the gates opened on Friday morning, he told KoS: "We have had some really good weather over the past few weeks so the

ground is very firm and there is absolutely no chance of a repeat of last year's conditions.

"You can drive an articulated lorry across the car park this year. But, just in case, we spent money enhancing the roads and the gateways.

"The Kent Show is the shop window of what we do and the shop window for many agricultural businesses in the county."

The event has, in the past, been dogged by transport problems, with huge queues getting both on and off the site at peak times.

Certainly, on Friday morning, it appeared the problems of last year had deterred some people from visiting.

However, with a good forecast, few were betting against thousands streaming in through the gates.

Last year, despite the problems, some 55,000 people attended over the three days. The highest crowds were in 2010, when 80,000 attended.

Among the exhibitors was Jane Bowyer, founder of the Cheesemakers of Canterbury. It was showcasing a special cheese created from milk taken from dairy cattle exhibited at last year's show.

She said: "What better way to explain what our county show is about than to give them a taste of a cheese that can only be made once a year, and from one event?"

WHAT'S GOING DOWN AT DETLING THIS WEEKEND

PLANNING a visit to Detling this weekend?

Then you can expect a host of entertainment in addition to the annual celebration of Kent's rural roots and agricultural backbone.

There will be more than 400 stalls exhibiting – although Kent County Council was a high-profile name which said it was not going to attend this year – in addition to live music and a wide range of food and

drink producers showing off their goods.

There will be the chance to see some of the county's finest livestock battle it out for glory, as well as a flower show, dog show, camel races and displays of classic motor cars and old steam engines.

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EVENT

Soaring temperatures boost ticket sales as sun shines on farm festival

By Chris Britcher

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ORGANISERS of this month's eagerly anticipated Lounge on the Farm music festival say ticket sales have started to soar since the summer sun finally emerged.

The three-day event taking place in Canterbury on July 26-28, had feared the miserable start to summer would impact on crowds.

But after temperatures soared, tickets have started selling fast.

And there has been a notable surge since the Glastonbury Festival – and its heavy TV and radio coverage – once again received plaudits.

The event is the county's only major music festival following the collapse earlier this year of the Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood.

Victoria Hazell, co-founder and organiser of the event, told KoS this week since the weather started to improve they sold out of one tranche of tickets within days.

She said: "It does make a really big difference. As soon as the sun shines people start thinking about festivals."

"We've sold our tickets in various different tiers, so the earlier you bought them the cheaper they were. The minute the weather improved we sold out of one of them."

The event, which has its roots firmly entrenched in the county – it insists all suppliers



A BRIGHT FUTURE: Lounge on the Farm saw a surge in ticket sales as the sun finally appeared

source their food and drink from local producers – takes place on Merton Farm, a working farm on the outskirts of the city.

Now in its eighth year, the event is promising as much focus on the experience as it is its star-studded line-up, which this year includes headline performances by Soul II Soul, Jessie

Ware and Seasick Steve.

Sean Baker, co-founder and organiser, added: "The last couple of years we've been a little like any other festival – this year is going to be different."

"This year we're going to be like Lounge used to be. It's all about going back to our roots, where people of all ages can come and enjoy a weekend of great, interesting, varied music, comedy, food and drink."

"We're looking to emulate the success of the event in 2010, which was the year before we expanded the capacity to 10,000."

"We believe we have a core of around 5,000 people, mostly from Kent, who come each and every year, and we want to ensure they get the event they enjoy. In other words, providing something for everyone."

The event faced problems in 2011 after investors insisted the festival become more attractive to a young age group – resulting in a flood of teenagers and reports of some petty crimes.

However, tighter controls have been introduced on the sale of tickets with all under-18s having to be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets for the weekend cost just under £120 for adults or just under £220 for a family ticket. For details see www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

■ **Turn to our business pages for details of the behind-the-scenes changes at the festival, which have seen investors come and go as the event survives while others collapse.**

ANIMALS

Horse rescue drama

ANIMAL rescue teams were called into action in Gravesend on Wednesday after a mare and her two-day-old foal found themselves stuck in the mud by the Thames and facing a rising tide.

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FUNDING

Cash boost to assist services in helping troubled families get their lives on track

By Chris Murphy

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HUNDREDS of 'troubled families' entrenched in a cycle of violence, crime and dysfunctional relationships are to receive crucial support through a cash boost from central government.

The funding works out at around £4,500 per family and will be used to get children to school and their parents to vital appointments, for instance at job centres.

Kent has the nation's third highest number of troubled families and so in a week where Kent County Council announced an additional £240 million of cuts needed by 2018, this cash injection from government came as a welcome relief.

Director general for the troubled families programme, Louise Casey (pictured), came to Maidstone to discuss the initiative with representatives from district councils, the Citizens Advice Bureau, children's centres, housing associations, job centres, emergency services, homeless charities, and fostering teams.

She stressed that changes were needed.

"Business as usual is the enemy of change," she said.

"There's a very real danger that if everyone goes on doing what they did before, the children in these families will be left behind."

Ms Casey said the extra money would assist or-



ganisations in offering more assistance to troubled families to help them turn their lives around.

The programme works by assigning a dedicated worker to engage with a whole family on all its problems, such as ensuring children attend school, appointments are met and appropriate services are accessed.

Coordinating all needs for an entire family

with all the public services involved, means demand on individual organisations is reduced, saving an expected £15,000 a year, per family.

It will also reduce anti-social behaviour, poor school attendance and criminality.

The conference was organised by Kent County Council, which funds 60 per cent of the bill for the scheme. The remaining 40 per cent is funded by central government when proven results are displayed.

Ms Casey said: "It is great news the momentum we have built up on the troubled families programme can continue by extending the approach to a wider group of families who, for example, are struggling with health problems or parenting, where their children are not in school or are at risk of being taken into care.

"This new programme will enable us to help earlier in families' lives to change them for the better."

OFFERING A HELPING HAND

THE scheme was launched in 2011, and targets families with problems, subsequently causing trouble in the community around them and putting a high cost on the public sector.

It looks to get children back into school, reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour, get adults back to work and reduce costs on public services through a number of initiatives.

These include appointing single key workers to address each family's problems, joining up local services and challenging poor behaviour by supporting families.

A report into troubled families showed entrenched, long-term cycles involving abuse, violence, anti-social behaviour, alcohol, exclusion from school and a breakdown in relationships.

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter was also at the conference.

He said he was determined to make the programme "as big a success in Kent as possible".

"We all became involved in public service to make a difference – to improve lives. We must use every tool in the box to that end," he said.

"I intend to see a major focus on initiatives that lift young people out of chaos and crisis to become strong self-reliant individuals.

"I am delighted to announce we will start by making funds available to sponsor 100 apprenticeships for 17 to 19-year-olds identified through the troubled families programme.

"This sits alongside the highly successful mainstream support for young people not in education, employment or training in Kent."

But while public service chiefs celebrated the scheme, the Taxpayers' Alliance warned that money needed to go to those in real need.

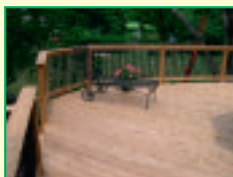
Spokesman Robert Oxley said: "A small number of families are disproportionately reliant on taxpayers. A scheme that could save money should be welcomed, but it should reward people who are seeking to address their issues."

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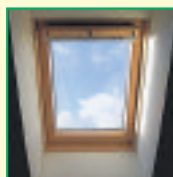
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CENTRE STAGE: Clubs are keen to build on Murray's Wimbledon success

SPORT

Tennis clubs serve up support to help uncover country's next budding Wimbledon champion

By Joe Bill

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WHEN Andy Murray sank to his knees on Centre Court last Sunday, the tremors of his remarkable triumph began to be felt around Kent.

As youngsters dusted down tennis rackets and headed to parks and gardens to emulate the 26-year-old lifting the Wimbledon crown, those involved in the sport braced themselves for a boom in interest.

Yet, despite Murray becoming the first British man in 77 years to win the grass court title, the sport faces a host of challenges.

Traditionally perceived as a sport for the well-to-do, public courts have been in decline – their large open spaces, busy in summer, empty in winter – proving too popular an option when it comes to selling off land for developers.

All week it has caused concern that Murray, now challenging to become number one in the world, represents the last great British hope, with few youngsters coming through the ranks behind him.

And while Laura Robson and Heather Watson are making an impact on the women's game, the question remains whether Britain can produce more top tennis talent?

Jason Baker sits on the Kent Lawn Tennis Association council and is a member of the Tunbridge Wells Lawn Tennis Club. He was also one of the lucky ones to be court-side to witness Andy Murray make history at SW19.

"Tennis is thriving in Kent," he says, "but like anything in this economic environment it has to offer value for money for people, and you have to compete as a club with that."

The west Kent club boasts 600 members – some 200 of which are in the junior ranks.

Mr Baker said: "Some of the work the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has done is to reach out to children. There are a lot more coaches and clubs forming partnerships with schools, encouraging juniors to come and play."

"A number of our coaches go in during term time and coach them at the school and we have a junior school that comes down once a week to use our facilities. There is a lot more reaching out, where as perhaps before there was a lot less of that involvement."

Yet, of course, leafy Tunbridge Wells is just the sort of place where tennis would be expected to flourish among a certain social spectrum.

So have all the traditional barriers now fallen?

"I don't think it has been totally broken down," admits Mr Baker.

"There are still instances where you see older generations not quite so keen on juniors using courts. But it is gradually changing."

"You have to get through one or two generations to completely get rid of these thoughts, it can't happen overnight."

Britain's enthusiasm for Wimbledon perhaps disguises a general apathy for the sport during the rest of the year. The trick is to convert the surge in interest now to a life-long interest in the game.

"Interest always goes up in the summer, but when it comes to the dark autumn and winter days that is when you see the real guys that are interested in continuing," explains Andrew Austen, secretary at Faversham Tennis Club.

"Ever since the likes of Murray, Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have been dominating we have had a lot more young boys coming to play tennis inspired by what they have seen. We have a group of around 150 youngsters at the moment so the future is something we really focus on."

As for the perception of the sport serving up entertainment to the higher social classes?

"I think it has changed a lot," he says.

"It is a very cheap sport to get involved in now, unlike golf and some other sports. Anyone can take part for just a couple of pounds. There are some places around the county which have stayed more traditional of course, but our club is keen to bring through youth and new talent."

Yet tennis has suffered too from funding in recent years.

In pursuit of glory, the country's top talent swiftly jet-off around the world to plug into established training regimes elsewhere while at grassroots level, local authority-owned courts are either sold-off or left to decay.

"Of course, tennis should get more investment," Mr Austen adds. "It's inevitable that with the various cutbacks in local government that some non-essential activities are going to suffer."

"There are three courts that have fallen into disrepair around Faversham which aren't safe to play tennis on anymore and just get used for five-a-side football."

"We have maintained Faversham as a privately-run club for many years creating a place for people to come and play. But we only have three courts and they get filled up with members."

"You also have to have security or key holders there while people are playing so there are only so many hours you can be open for. So, of course, there needs to be more tennis facilities in the county."

The club will also be looking to work with the nearby Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School to find the next Andy Murray with the school set to build a new sports complex including a number of tennis courts.

Back in 2003, £2 million was invested in the state-of-the-art Bromley Tennis Centre. Boasting covered courts and floodlit arenas it is endorsed by the LTA and seen as the county's premier tennis venue.

The LTA, unsurprisingly, is desperate to ensure it capitalises on Murray-mania.

Commercial director Simon Long said: "This is the type of thing of which dreams are made. Everyone is talking about tennis and we are determined to build on that."

"It's not as if this has come from nowhere. We have had a plan in place – a summer and autumn drive – which has been deliberately designed to capitalise at the time when people are most looking to be playing tennis."

"Even with the best-laid plans in place, when a hero like Andy comes along and lifts the Wimbledon trophy, it really is the icing on the cake and it has a ripple effect."

So can we expect a future tennis hero to emerge from the county? Well just maybe.

"Kent has a very high standard of player," says Jason Baker, "and won the under-14 county cup recently which was out of the whole country so it does mean the county is pretty strong."

"If we have no-one coming through after Murray there could be a lull in interest. So there needs to be a youngster coming through in the next four or five years or maybe there will be a drop in participation again."

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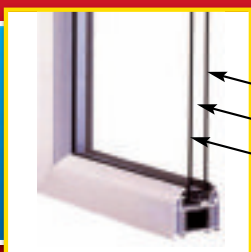
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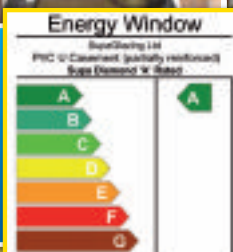
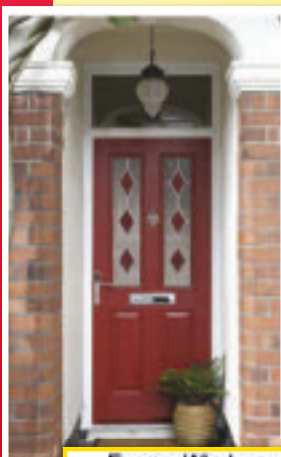
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TRANSPORT

Carter's tunnel vision offers new solution for disputed third Thames river crossing

As the consultation period closes this week, **Joe Bill** takes a look at the strong arguments on both sides of the river as neighbouring councils clash over the options of another link with Essex

ARMIES are gathering on both sides of the Thames ready for an almighty battle over the location of a third crossing.

Councillors from Dartford, Gravesham and Thurrock, in Essex, have called on the support of their residents and businesses to make their voices heard as the consultation process approaches its final days.

Earlier this year the Government unveiled three options – and have vowed one will get the nod (see box off for details of all three).

And the debate spiked again this week, with a heated exchange between homeowners, business leaders and council chiefs.

Organised by BBC Radio Kent and staged at a hotel which overlooked the existing tunnel and bridge in Dartford, it gathered a panel which included Kent County Council leader Paul Carter, CPRE Protect Kent, the Essex Chamber of Commerce, the Freight Transport Association, the Institution of Civil Engineers and senior figures from nearby local councils.

CLL Carter expressed KCC support for Option C in Gravesham – but suggested it should go under the Thames rather than over.

He said: "The work we did in advance of the consultation suggested the site east of Gravesend. With some reservations from members of my group, particularly those from the Gravesham area, we support Option C, but with significant amendments.

"What we don't support are some of the link roads to the location which the administration in my group believe need changing.

"And most importantly the crossing should be a tunnel and not a bridge.

"I am very keen we don't look at the third Thames crossing in isolation; but we look at it from Dover Docks to the crossings and the various enhancements that need to be made to the road infrastructure."

There is huge pressure for the new crossing not to be sited on the Swanscombe Peninsular – Option B – as it could discourage the potential £2 billion investment of the proposed Paramount-branded theme park, which could create as

many as 27,000 jobs and breathe new life to the area.

And in these straitened times, it almost inevitably means the decision will come down to a fight between Dartford and Gravesham.

However, John Burden, leader of Gravesham Borough Council, says none of the options work.

He explained: "We are opposing all three options, for the simple reasons we think all three are premature at the moment.

"We need to address the real infrastructure issues beyond the crossing and either side of where it links up.

"If you look at the economic regeneration, we are supporting the Paramount project coming in.

"The Department of Transport is clearly not listening to that scheme, because the message from the developer has been clear – 'if you put it in Option B we are not coming'."

There is also fierce opposition to the building of

Option A which would see a new tunnel or bridge built next to the existing crossings in Dartford.

Conservative leader of Dartford Borough Council, Jeremy Kite, remains adamant no new crossing should come through his hometown.

He said: "Anyone who lives and works in Dartford will know just how debilitating it is at the moment. I think we do need a crossing, but we do believe there should be a chance for free-flow tolling to take effect [see box].

"We are in a very enlightened position because we already have this in our backyard."

During the BBC debate, Option C, to the east of Gravesend, was the preferred choice of those attending, but there is considerable concern any building there would be the most complex and expensive of the three routes, as well as causing the most environmental damage.

Representatives from the RSPB were resolute at the meeting that a bridge in the area would destroy the natural habitats of wild birds in the area and be irreversibly damaging.

KCC's tunnel plan, however, may go some way to easing their concerns.



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On Thursday, the Government confirmed the date when the tolls would be scrapped.

It also confirmed the size of the fines – up to £105 for avoiding paying.

Leader of the Thurrock unitary

authority, John Kent, is convinced it could yet prove the solution, however.

He said: "I don't think the case have been proven for another crossing. All the options come through Thurrock."

"What everybody accepts is if you do away with the tolls you free up extra capacity for the crossing."

"I think it sensible to look at the impact this will have."

"I want to find a solution that makes the most of the infrastructure we already have in place."

"It's a lot cheaper than building a

new bridge which will cost billions of pounds and actually gives us some respite from the continual congestion that we get day in, day out now."

"The bridge would be 13 years away if we were to start today, and frankly we cannot wait that long."

"We need to wait and see the impact of the free-flow tolling, preferably just do away with the tolls but, if not, just move to camera recognition and have a properly thought out solution for the A13-M25 junction to see what extra capacity that brings forward."

■ Option one...

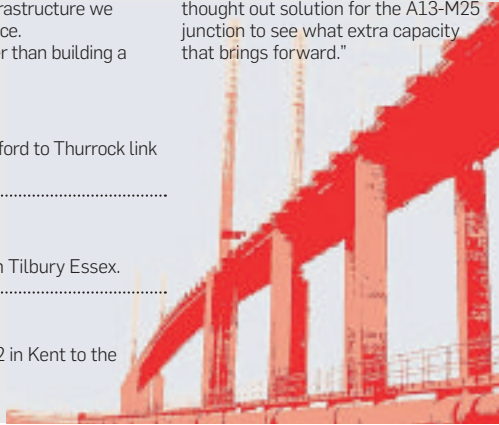
Would see a crossing erected close to the current A282 Dartford to Thurrock link to allow for greater capacity to cross the river.

■ Option two...

The connection of the A2 at Swanscombe with the A1089 in Tilbury Essex.

■ Option three...

From the east of Gravesham – a crossing connecting the M2 in Kent to the A13 in Essex and the M25.



A show of hands at the end of the debate revealed the majority of people from both Essex and Kent would prefer to have other options presented to them before any final decision is made.

The consultation period, where all affected local residents and members of the council can put forward their opinions and arguments for the new crossing, comes to an end on July 16.

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ENVIRONMENT

Is trail around our coast set to stumble as latest victim of Government cut-backs?

By Marijke Cox

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A QUESTION mark hangs over plans for an unbroken access path around the Kent coast following the announcement of more spending cuts at Whitehall.

The continuous trail is expected to give struggling coastal towns a boost through tourism and allow communities better access to the natural environment on our shores.

But a 10 per cent cut in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) budget could see a halt in the celebrated plan.

Work is already under way on the stretch between Camber in East Sussex and Folkestone, taking in New Romney, Lydd, Dungeness, Dymchurch, Hythe and Sandgate, with hopes of completion in 2014.

And plans are moving forward for another Kent stretch, from Folkestone to Ramsgate, taking in Dover, Deal and Sandwich Bay. A report from the

WHAT IS THE ENGLAND COASTAL PATH?

GOVERNMENT agency Natural England is working to create the England Coastal Path – a new national trail around all of England's open coast.

The path, made possible due to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, aims to open up miles of coastline and replace existing trails which have eroded into the sea, creating an unbroken route.

Natural England says it will give people the right to roam in places

currently off-limits. Supporters believe it will boost ailing coastal towns and open up the natural environment to everyone.

Critics, however, say it could have a negative impact on local residents, landowners and those who have sporting rights over land, allowing them to carry out activities such as shooting.

The whole route is expected to cost around £4.5 million, funded by Natural England.

public consultation last year is expected to be published this summer.

Again, 2014 is the hoped for date of completion.

Natural England, the Government agency responsible for the protection of the environment and the organisation behind the coastal access plan, says the budget cut would not affect

stretches where work had already started.

But it would not be drawn into whether or not the Kent path will be completed in its entirety.

It could mean the north Kent coast missing out if plans are halted.

A Natural England spokesman told KoS: "The 10 per cent cut to the Defra



PATHFINDER: Work has begun on the route which takes in Dungeness

budget in the spending review will not affect the works already started on the Kentish coast.

"For future coastal access around England, we won't be in a position to confirm anything one way or another until the autumn."

Ramblers in Kent have expressed their concerns at the potential impact the spending cut will have on the project, which they describe as "inspiring" and a "win for walkers and our struggling coastal towns".

The Ramblers' Association chief executive, Benedict Southworth, said

axing the county's path would be a "false economy".

"The cost of investing in the project is tiny compared to the economic boost it can bring to our ailing seaside villages and towns," he said.

"Now, more than ever, we need the path to help rejuvenate our coastal communities and to encourage people to live healthier lives.

"Environment minister Richard Benyon needs to show the Government has a continued commitment to see this exciting project through and open up the coast for all."

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TECHNOLOGY

Broadband partnership should deliver on time

By Marijke Cox

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AS RURAL communities across the UK despair at news of a two-year delay in the roll-out of superfast broadband, Kent continues to

steam ahead and remains on target to provide faster services to all households by 2015.

County Hall chiefs say they are "exactly where they want to be" in the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) project and the latest set-back seen in

other parts of the country was not mirrored in Kent and Medway. In fact, the county's scheme is one of just nine out of 44 expected to meet the 2015 deadline.

It comes as a welcome relief to rural communities, many of whom struggle with either extremely slow or non-existent internet connection.

Kent's ambitious £40 million BDUK project, which involves a partnership between BT and Kent County Council, is expected to solve this problem and with it boost the local economy by an eye-watering £1.5 billion every year.

Surveyors are making their way across the county this year, with miles of fibre-optic cables for faster broadband connection due for installation in 2014 and 2015.

Cabinet member for economic development at KCC, Mark Dance, told KoS Kent was "exactly where it wanted to be" in the project.

"It will all be done by 2015 – we'll start seeing things coming online very early in 2014," he said.

The only part with a question mark currently hanging over it is which areas of the county will see improved broadband services first; a mystery Cllr Dance insists is for a good reason.

"This deal is £40m; if we begin to talk about predictions and locations the bill would go up," he said.

"If we start saying where it needs to be first and telling BT to go to particular plac-

WHAT IS BDUK?

BDUK is a nationwide drive to ensure everyone has access to broadband services by 2015 – a date which for some areas is no longer attainable.

The project seeks to help residents in hard-to-reach areas.

Kent's £40 million scheme – funded by £10m from KCC, £9.87m from central Government and £19.6m from BT – will deliver higher speeds to 95 per cent of properties in Kent, with 91 per cent of those superfast, meaning speeds of 24mbps and above, allowing users to download a film in around 15 minutes.

Those unable to access high speeds through the new infrastructure will still have access to at least 2mbps.

The improvement to broadband is expected to boost the county's economy by £1.5 billion every year.

Kent and Medway's BDUK project follows KCC's Make Kent Quicker campaign which was launched to see how much need there was for faster services.

Some 18,000 residents and businesses signed up.

es (around Kent) it will mean them going off their own plan. At the moment, [BT] is doing the planning. Telling them where we think it should go will end up with us paying out more."

Cllr Dance said the BDUK project had so far been "positive stuff".

This is despite issues last year surrounding state aid, something which at one point threatened to hinder the national roll-out altogether. KCC, however, remained undeterred and pushed ahead, putting it in prime position to meet the 2015 deadline.

Earlier this year, the council unveiled BT as its partner in the scheme, with the private company footing half of the £40m bill.

"We've got a good partnership with BT," said Cllr Dance.

"It's full marks to Liz Harrison (economic development manager at KCC) and George Chandler (regeneration and projects manager at KCC). It's through their commitment and hard work, and them not letting anything slip, that we are where we are today."

He said there was already superfast broadband at some of the county's leading industry areas, such as the Discovery Park in Sandwich and Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne.

BT's managing director for next generation access, Bill Murphy, said Kent was ahead of a "chasing pack" in its position as a broadband leader.

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MILITARY

Public ready to roar their approval as Tigers take to the streets

By Chris Britcher

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THE Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment (PWRR), better known as the Tigers, will parade through the towns of Folkestone and Tunbridge Wells this week.

The Tigers recruit its soldiers and many of its officers from Kent and the south east.

Now it will conduct a series of parades to either exercise or receive the freedom of a host of towns across the region.

Thousands of people are expected to line the streets to cheer the brave troops on.

Brigadier Richard Dennis OBE, colonel of the regiment, said: "We are an integral part of these communities and these parades are symbolic both of our gratitude for the tremendous support we receive and our ongoing commitment to this long-standing relationship."

The Tunbridge Wells parade will take place on Monday, July 15, with the Folkestone event on Wednesday, July 17.

HOUSING

Battle over ancient woodland rages on

CAMPAIGNERS fighting for the future of ancient woodland in Maidstone have accused the borough council of ignoring public opinion.

Liberal Democrat campaigners say authority chiefs refused to listen to residents during a meeting about the development east of Hermitage Lane.

Opponents – who have collected 2,000 signatures against the plans – say the housing scheme, proposed by Croudace, on either side of Bluebell Wood, will damage the woodland.

They accuse the council of supporting the development. The council, however, argues no planning application has been received.

But Lib Dem parliamentary candidate, Jasper Gerard, said the council's policy "unequivocally" supported a development approach to the "loss and deterioration" of the wood.

"Because the cabinet has voted for houses to be built cheek by jowl by the wood with a road running through it, that remains official council policy," he said. "So when Croudace submits its planning application, how will the council possibly be able to say 'no'?"

Leader of Maidstone Borough Council, Chris Garland, hit back: "Any proposal that threatens the ancient woodland would be refused by the council under those policies."

CRASH

Rider hurt in smash

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to hospital after a crash in the village of Stelling Minnis, near Canterbury, on Thursday afternoon.

The rider was involved in a smash with a car. The injuries were not life-threatening.

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THE regiment has a long and distinguished history, earning its first battle honour at the Battle of Tangier in 1662.

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There are three PWRR battalions, two regular and one territorial: The First Battalion based in

Paderborn, Germany, the Second Battalion based in Woolwich, and the Third Battalion (Reserve Forces) based in Farnham, Surrey.

There is also a PWRR-badged rifle company within the Territorial Army's London Regiment, at Edgware, known as B (Queen's Regiment) Company and there are PWRR army cadet and CCF detachments all across the southern home counties.



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SAFETY

Warning as dog walker discovers woodland blaze

FIRE crews are warning the public to be extra careful when disposing of cigarette ends after a blaze was sparked in woodland by a discarded butt.

A dog walker discovered the fire in Hempstead Forest in Benenden at 7am on Tuesday.

The fire had spread across one-acre of woodland and firefighters spent several hours extinguishing the fire.

Crews believe it was started accidentally and most likely caused by a discarded cigarette that set light to dried tree debris and pine needles on the forest floor.

Watch manager Colin Gambrell said: "The recent period of hot, dry weather means that fires of this type can spread very rapidly due to tinder-dry conditions and a dropped cigarette end can lead to a deep-seated fire that can take a long time to fully extinguish.

"Such blazes put an enormous drain on our firefighting resources, as well as causing damage to the environment and a threat to wildlife in the area. We are asking the public to help prevent further fires by ensuring they dispose of cigarettes in a responsible manner.

"Also, as countryside fires can be a challenge to locate, it would be really helpful if anyone who spots and reports a fire can give as much information about where it is, and where possible arrange to meet oncoming crews to direct them to the incident."

HEALTH CARE

Unique new carers service shows there really is No Place Like Home

By Marijke Cox

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WHEN Alison Carter's father was diagnosed with dementia, her experience with the type of support he needed opened her eyes to what was on offer to people in later life.

Sparking a major shift in her career, she left her high-flying role in the public sector to concentrate on creating a bespoke service unlike any other in the county.

Focusing on companionship above all else, No Place Like Home – officially launched on Monday in Canterbury and Swale – helps people and their families make the most of later life.

Mrs Carter, who lives in Newnham, near Faversham, said the service was not targeting people with specific needs, such as dementia, but was for anyone and everyone.

It is tailored to each client, based on their own wishes, from helping maintain their social life or keeping fit and healthy, to managing their affairs. But at the heart of the service is companionship.

"It's much more a kind of relationship building service. We do the kind of thing the person wants us to do; we plan an outing or take them to the shops," she said.

"We can do the 'need to have' but we're very much about the 'nice to have'.

"There's a client I work with and we have



THERE TO HELP: Mrs Carter came up with idea

done wonderful things together. We went on a bluebell hunt around the county and with this hot weather I'm going to take her for a seaside adventure. It's very rewarding."

Carers – or 'PAs' as they are referred to – visit their client and help reduce isolation by perhaps helping them entertain friends, attending social clubs with them or simply taking them out for the day.

To ensure relationships are the focus, Mrs Carter insists each client must have a minimum of three consecutive hours a week with their PA.

"I want that relationship built and just popping in and out won't do that," she said.

Mrs Carter said it was watching the dedication

of her mother in ensuring her father was able to remain at home that helped inspire her.

"I wouldn't say my father was the sole reason I started this, but having to deal with the situation and living it inspired me to create something new," she said.

"I've been really motivated by my mother. When my father was diagnosed with dementia it was difficult to find support that we felt he and my mother needed.

"He ended up going into respite care in a home for three months and during that time my mother struggled to get him back home again."

But with the help of a companion during weekdays to offer moral and physical support, Mrs Carter's mother has her husband back home.

"People need to be prepared for later life, but instead most wait until there is a crisis before doing anything," she said.

"As part of my vision, I'd like to think of this like a club. People can put their names on a waiting list years before they need it. The service will evolve with help from the clients."

Mrs Carter, who has three daughters and a step-son, said those who are interested just need to get in touch and explain what they would like, and No Place Like Home will tailor the support to meet the requirements.

"The service is about time to talk not time and task," she added.

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TALES TO TELL: Tonbridge Castle has seen more than its fair share of historic characters

From conquerors to kings to tyrants, this castle has seen it all

By Chris Murphy

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IT HAS been 10 years since major restoration work on the famous castle in Tonbridge was completed at a cost of over £800,000 and visitors have been pouring in ever since.

But it was not always this accessible. When William the Conqueror landed with his 12,000 men, defeating King Harold at Battle in 1066 was not his only worry.

With over one million people not taking too kindly to the invasion, William rapidly built a series of protective castles, a form of military defence not seen in this country before.

With their tall stone walls and attack battlements at the top, they would have been an extraordinary and formidable sight.

Norman lords were put in charge of the construction of castles, and the one at Tonbridge was entrusted to Richard de Clare, who held many estates in the south of England, according to the Domesday Book.

But there was trouble ahead.

In 1088, the fortress is mostly destroyed. The de Clares rebel against King William Rufus, whose forces besiege the castle, and they finally have to surrender before the town is burned down.

Unhappy with the defeat, two years later Rufus is killed with an arrow in the New Forest by Walter Tyrell, the son-in-law of Gilbert de Clare. The de Clares then begin their ascent to become the richest and most powerful family in the kingdom.

In 1215, after King John signs the Magna Carta in the presence of Gilbert de Clare and his son Richard, the monarch attacks both Rochester and Tonbridge castles, taking Tonbridge before Christmas.

In 1253, the castle we see today, with one of the finest examples of a motte and bailey gatehouse, takes shape.

And in 1268, Gilbert de Clare starts building Caerphilly Castle on the same plan as Tonbridge. The restored inner gatehouse bears a marked similarity to Tonbridge's imposing towers.

In 1272, Gilbert welcomes King Edward and Queen Eleanor to England and before their coronation entertains them at Tonbridge Castle. Their portraits in stone had places of honour in the castle.

Tina Levett, the castle's manager, said: "Its story is interwoven with that of kings and archbishops, tyrants and heroes, murderers and mercenaries who, on this ancient site and inside these weathered stone walls, have helped write 900 years of English history."

The gatehouse was closed just before the new millennium to allow a £375,000 renovation project to begin.

Missing floors on the ground and first level were replaced and a spiral staircase in the east tower repaired. This opened the gatehouse to enable circular tours and create two new rooms; one for educational use, plus providing an exhibition space for community use – this is particularly busy. The second is now a venue for civil marriage ceremonies.

In 2003, the re-roofing of the gatehouse was completed at a cost of £450,000, partly paid for by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Owners Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council said the latest restoration work will help preserve the structure of the gatehouse, improve the interior of the building and provide shelter all year round.

Last year, the curtain walls were also restored as parts had started crumbling.

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OPINION

Decision will leave heavy toll

John Burden, leader of Gravesham Borough Council, can clearly see solution to new Thames crossing, but fears those in power can't

IF JUMPING to conclusions were an Olympic sport there would be some pretty strong contenders for our national team in Whitehall. Nowhere is this truer than on the issue of the lower Thames crossing.

They started from the position that there is a need for another road across the river right now. Five-mile tailbacks at the Dartford Crossing toll booths, they argue, prove conclusively we must have another road and have it straightaway.

What causes the tailbacks?

It's obvious to us, and to everyone but this government; it is the toll booths not the capacity of the roads. When the booths were out of commission last year the traffic flowed freely.

Next year the booths are going to disappear – to be replaced by some form of automated charging. It remains to be seen whether this will solve the problem, but it's bound to ease it.

Many people, including me, remember that we were promised the original tolls would be abolished as soon as the tunnel was paid for.

It was paid for years ago, but the tolls just keep on rising... and the queues keep on lengthening.

So, avoiding the blindingly obvious solution of removing the obstruction or even waiting to see the effects of taking the booths away, the Government has decided there are just three options for a third crossing.

Gravesham Borough Council, along with Thurrock council, rejects them all. None of them deal with the problem – all of them create more problems.

Option A: another crossing at Dartford will just add to the misery of those who live in its shadow. A bigger bottleneck, but a bottleneck nonetheless.

Option B: through Swanscombe Peninsula would almost

certainly compromise the Paramount Park resort scheme along with the 27,000 jobs which could be created.

Option C: a variant of which is supported by Kent County Council – would wreck the environment and communities east of Gravesend. Villages of Chalk, Shorne and Higham would be blighted forever and vast areas of environmental significance would be lost.

In pure highways terms – and I can't for the life of me understand why the Department for Transport's experts can't see this – the third option would have to tie up with the A227 or the A228 turning them into the A21, creating another byword for gridlock.

These experts are proposing a two-lane crossing merely creating a billion pound B-road linked to an already congested local road network on both sides of the river.



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Experts propose a two-lane crossing linked to an already congested network

This is myopic madness.

Let's look at the bigger picture instead.

There is an obvious and unanswerable case for a new Thames barrier further into the estuary. This would traverse the Thames many miles east of us.

Surely by integrating the new barrier with a new crossing would not only solve the problem, it would provide the key to unlock the regeneration ambitions of Swale, Thanet, Shepway and Southend.

I fear the Government has already jumped to its conclusion and that there will be a long and bitter road before it can be put right.

When historians look in their rear view mirror at the decisions being taken today, will they see it as the start of the gargantuan tailbacks or the moment when gridlock's end was signalled by a truly imaginative solution?

KOS COMMENT

Quota redistribution is the catch of the day

FISHING quotas can be a confusing topic for many; but for one of the county's most traditional of industries, they have spelt doom for many family-run businesses.

Yet this week there was a little spark of light bobbing on the horizon.

The decision to reclaim quota unused by the bigger operators makes sound sense; to then distribute that to those fishermen whose hands are so tightly tied it makes it hard for them to keep a roof over their family's head and food on the table, seems only fair.

There is such a distinguished history of harvesting our seas in Kent, we should applaud anything which ensures the tradition will continue for future generations to come.

The show must go on...

THIS time last year, the reputation of the Kent County Show lay not so much in tatters, but across a large muddy puddle also known as its car park.

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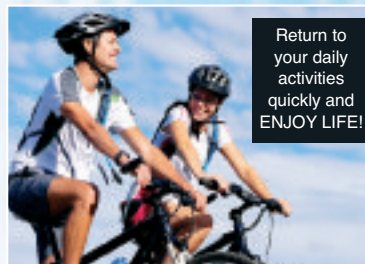


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Beach horror a stark warning

I HAVE lived in Thanet all my life and have always loved visiting our beautiful beaches.

As a child I remember going crabbing and looking in our rock pools at the wildlife that lives there. If we collected any crabs and shrimps we were always told to put them back and look after them.

However, in the last couple of years, while taking my own children to the beach (the beautiful Botany Bay), I have been very upset at seeing the lack of care and consideration shown to our beaches.

Last year I witnessed a boy with a mallet hacking out chalk from the cliff.

But last weekend was the worst: a group of four women had collected starfish and had

them placed on rocks and were drying them in the sun.

They then proceeded to place the starfish in plastic bags and these were tied up.

My 11-year-old son witnessed this and was in tears. He told a lifeguard, who just said: "If I see them do it again I will talk to them."

I then decided to discuss this with a second lifeguard as my son was so upset.

It is quite intimidating approaching other people on the beach when you are a single mum, as you do not want any repercussions from any confrontation.

We have our Blue Flag awards and signs requesting we take care of the beaches and the wildlife.

But who is there to police this? Surely if we let this type of behaviour continue, (I am sure I am not the only one to have witnessed such things)

our wildlife and surrounding coastal environments will decline.

Will our beaches still be so beautiful when my grandchildren want to play there?

Caroline Knott, via email

Opportunity is young dream

AS A former trustee of a youth centre, I take issue with Gary Harvey's claim Britain's young people are lazy [KoS letters, last week].

From my experience, the vast majority are far from being such, but they are frustrated by the lack of job opportunities due to the recession.

A survey by the Prince's Trust last December showed one in five young people were very worried about their futures due to the economic crash caused not by them, nor

indeed migrants, but by the bankers et al and the politicians who enabled them to play 'roulette' with our and other's economies for the last 30 years or more.

Indeed, currently there are nearly one million young people unemployed out of a total of just over 2.5 million.

This at a time when there is generally less than 500,000 vacancies, and in Kent around 16 applicants for each job.

In the farming sector the number of permanent jobs has fallen to just one per cent of the population today due to mechanisation and larger farms etc.

The type of jobs Mr Harvey mentions are seasonal ones and at relatively low rates to satisfy the supermarkets who want to keep prices low.

This week a major report by research company Britain-thinks confirms the anxiety

young people express – across all classes – but that they also consider that work is paramount, even over such things as fame or affluent lifestyles. The report indicates they are not afraid of hard work either, saying they'd rather work than be on benefits.

Time, in my view, for a change of government to one which will foster this further.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

Barnes simply waste of cash

AT A time when many police officers are losing their jobs to save money, I find it incredulous Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes is 'empire building' at great cost to the taxpayer.

Firstly, we were told of a youth crime commissioner; now there is to be another

addition to her expanding staff roster with the hiring of a former RAF executive costing us a breathtaking £90,000 (KoS, June 23).

And just who gave her the authority to give police specials a reduction in council tax as previously reported in the press?

Even though the Government keeps crowing on about freezing council tax, local authorities have disregarded the freeze and increased council tax every year saying it is because the fire service, the parishes and the police are costing more.

If we had a proper home secretary whose job it is to control the police, instead of the useless woman we have currently in the job, Ann Barnes and her circus wouldn't be needed.

Roger Arnold, Herne Bay

County Hall at cutting edge

THE further reduction of the local government budget set out in the Chancellor's recent spending review for 2015-16, will be like squeezing a dried out rag for many departments.

Having achieved savings of 26 per cent in the current four year period, it is unfair for local government to take the biggest cuts in the public sector. Those cuts are for another 10 per cent reduction in their budget.

My experience so far of Kent County Council is of extremely efficient, passionate officers stretched to their limits in trying to maintain services.

With the Government singularly failing to meet its targets for reducing the structural deficit, it means there is no end in sight to the pressure on local government, and this is bound to have a negative impact on front-line public services.

Once more, this looks like a politically motivated agenda.

There were many alternatives to once more exposing the most vulnerable in our society to the brunt of this austerity drive.

The Government could have actually pursued the companies and super-rich individuals that avoid tax, rather than paying lip-service to this. It could also have imposed a financial transaction tax, cut Trident and increased taxes on alcohol and tobacco.

Martin Whybrow, Green Party county councillor, Hythe

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By GREG MILES

DES O'Connor can be described as nothing less than a show-biz legend. The mild-mannered 81-year-old still has all the charm and charisma that has kept audiences transfixed on his shows throughout the years and had fans coming back again and again for his performances – despite the best attempts of Morecambe and Wise to put the nation off his singing.

And this week Des is coming to The Orchard Theatre in Dartford, as in love with the entertainment industry as he's ever been. 'Retirement' is not a word he understands.

"What would I do? Walk around and look at cabbages?" he said. "What does retirement mean? If it means packing up and doing nothing, no thank you."

"You don't get bored having a good time. If I had to do the same thing every night, I would get fed up with it, but it's different every performance."

His career started in the mid-1950s in stand-up comedy; this progressed to his big break as he hosted The Des O'Connor Show in 1963 and later Des O'Connor Tonight, which ran from 1977 until 2002.

He has released 36 albums and hosted Channel 4's Countdown before turning his hand to musicals, in the last few years as the wizard in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium.

However, it is his live performances.

'I was once told off for laughing too much, but you try not laughing with Benny Hill'

that he enjoys most. "These concerts are what I do best," he said. "A lot of people can sit in a chair asking questions on chat shows, but getting on a stage in front of a live crowd, I love it."

"It's lovely when you get that first-hand reaction from a crowd and are not waiting for the ratings."

The chat shows were an interesting period in his life, with stars from around the world queuing up to talk, as well as royalty and politicians, including the then-Prime Minister Tony Blair.

But there were a few who got away...

"I look back at the list and there were only three people that I didn't get," he said. "Over the space of 27 years you find you interview almost everybody."

"But we didn't get Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson – they were booked but couldn't make it because they were ill, and other reasons."

"Madonna was the other one."

"My favourites were the comics. I was told off once for laughing too much, but you try not laughing with Benny Hill."

"If you stop laughing, then you're not being real."



Keep it real and relax, reckons Des the master

Greg Miles talks to British showbusiness legend Des O'Connor, who still gets the same buzz performing as he ever did

Being real is what he puts a lot of his success down to.

He said: "People know when you're scripting a joke – I can't do that. I never did interviews – it's a conversation, it makes it different all the time."

"When you're doing a talkshow, you have to learn to relax. The best kind of humour is of the moment. I often ask the audience if they've got any personal

problems they want to talk about or if anyone wants to come up and play the piano."

"The most rewarding thing for me is the live shows. That's the fun part, that's the test – going out and having a laugh."

"The only thing I've not done is a film. I've never set foot inside a studio."

"That's the one thing I know I could

do really well. I've never been asked to do it, but I won't be upset if I never do."

One moment in particular springs to mind when it comes to the kind of script you cannot write.

"I was on stage at the Guildhall one night in Portsmouth and the girls were screaming. I looked down and I felt this draft and my trousers had split."

"I said 'Has anybody got a needle and cotton?'. In every audience there is always someone with a needle and cotton."

"This woman came on stage and had her back to the audience, and she began stitching from my knee to my groin."

"She got about two inches from where I didn't want her to be and I said 'You're not going to bite the cotton' and it brought the house down."

Married for a fourth time and with an eight-year-old son, there is plenty to keep the octogenarian busy.

"He just helps me in my private life," he said. "My father lived to be 95, so hopefully I've inherited his genes. I want to help my son and guide him wherever I can."

"He came a lot to The Wizard of Oz and played Somewhere Over The Rainbow on piano within hours of hearing it. He plays piano and drums – I've got the earplugs to prove it."

"I'm writing a book of comedy poems at the moment."

'The most rewarding thing for me is live shows. That's the test – going out and having a laugh'

"He came home from school the other day and said 'I've got poem for you: I wish I were a glow worm. I never could be glum, how could I be miserable when the sun shines out my bum'."

"If I stay around as long as my dad, I will be able to walk him down the aisle if he gets married at 19."

When Des was that age, the idea of being on national television without any previous experience, as happens in so many reality TV shows today, would not have been for him.

"It's a different approach from the TV companies nowadays," he said.

"You say there's a short-cut to fame these days, but how they have the guts to get up there I have no idea. I don't think I could have done it at that age."

"I had a 20-year apprenticeship and learnt to do it properly."

"How these kids have the courage to go on TV now, knowing it's a big opportunity, I have nothing but admiration for them, but I worry about how they handle rejection."

■ Des O'Connor is at The Orchard Theatre in Dartford on Wednesday, July 17. Tickets to the show, which starts at 2.30pm, are priced at £19. To book, visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or phone 01322 220000.

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features@kosmedia.co.uk**SIGHTS AND SOUNDS:** The War and Peace Revival show has moved venues this year but will still provide an action-packed five days with re-enactments, vehicles and displays – a must-see for all military fans

A blast from the past as county prepares to stage world's biggest wartime revival show

Greg Milesgreg.miles@archant.co.uk

THE military extravaganza that is War and Peace Revival is almost here, with five days of family fun promised at Folkestone Racecourse.

Visitors to the new show, which has switched to Folkestone this summer from the Hop Farm at Paddock Wood, will be attending the biggest show of its kind in the world, featuring action-packed battle re-enactments, static displays, classic civilian and military vehicles, vintage fashions and the songs, sounds and smells of wartime.

Thousands of military vehicles are expected to gather from around the world, representing the armies of the 20th century, including tanks, artillery, armoured and amphibious vehicles, cars, Jeeps, bicycles, motorbikes and emergency and commercial vehicles – and lots more.

Living-history scenes will give a unique picture

of life in conflict, from the Second World War to the present day.

See first-hand what life in the trenches was really like for British soldiers, how American GIs survived in Vietnam, Russians relaxing with an accordion after a hard day in battle, and what made our Home Guard so famous.

A thousand trade stalls will give collectors and shoppers the opportunity to browse through marquees packed full of treasures including militaria, antiques, vehicle parts, books, memorabilia, clothing and uniforms and all manner of essential finds for the discerning fan – everything from a shirt button to a tank.

For modellers there is an extensive display of top-class models, bringing together enthusiasts from around the world.

But for those who prefer a little more refinement, the new Vintage Village will offer plenty of glamour and style.

See Home Front re-enactors and diorama depicting civilian life from the 1930s to the 1960s, including classic civilian vehicles, a village store and pub, fire, police and ambulance services, the Home Guard and the Flying Food Squad.

Demonstrations inside the Home Front Marquee will include make-do-and-mend and the Ministry of Food presentations.

Meanwhile, the Spitfire tea room will be the scene of a themed café, decorated Forties-style.

It offers visitors the chance to sit back and enjoy tea and cakes, or even breakfast and lunch, surrounded by new vintage civilian features.

The Jazz Bar will give new spark to the days and the nights, while the V Marquee brings the 1930s-60s to life with the best in entertainment from the period.

Expert dancers will be on hand in the Dance Marquee to step you back in time with music and dancing from the period, while the evening

entertainment includes the fabulous Jive Aces and the iconic John Miller Big Band in a dinner-dance spectacular.

The War and Peace Battle of Britain Experience will be on show with its full-sized replicas of a Spitfire, Hurricane and Me 109.

There will not just be static displays, though, as there will be flypasts across the event.

Tickets bought online can be used on any day of the event. The racecourse is just a few minutes' drive from junction 11 of the M20 and car-park access is immediately from the first roundabout off that junction.

Westenhanger train station is also just a couple of minutes' walk from the racecourse. The gates open at 9am and close at 6pm.

For full details about the event, from Wednesday to Sunday, July 17-21, and to order tickets, visit www.thewarandpeace revival.co.uk or phone the box office on 0845 652 62 62 63.



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Peter's passion makes him a sell-out success but lure of TV offers fresh opportunity

By Greg Miles

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THERE cannot be many pop stars who manage to sell out arenas without much of their music getting airtime on the radio, but Peter Andre is one.

Despite the fact that his music, specifically the hit single Mysterious Girl, brought him to the nation's attention in the mid-90s, he has not since managed to re-create such feats.

Curiously, though, the 40-year-old still has the pulling power when it comes to his live shows, attracting fans in their thousands.

It is something he hopes to repeat next weekend at the Music On The Hill music festival at Kings Hill, West Malling, alongside McFly and Jools Holland in the fund-raiser for Demelza Hospice Care for Children, Teens Unite Fighting Cancer and The Children's Development Trust.

"I love touring," he said. "I won't get national radio play, but I can sell out

the O2 arena – it's strange. Music is one of my biggest jobs, touring wise, but records and radio are not. I can have the success without it. I do the music because I love it. I don't have to do it.

"Music is my passion. I wouldn't lie – of course I would want the support of the major radios, but I'm grateful I can sell out shows.

"I'm grateful for what I've got."

So what can fans expect from his performance at MOTM on Saturday, July 13?

"We have a full show. We have a live band with some backing singers and dancers. We have an amazing visual set. We want to make it an event for people to enjoy, no matter what. Mysterious Girl will be on the set but with a twist – that's all I will say."

Alongside his live shows he is the new presenter on ITV's 60 Minute Makeover, not an obvious choice given his lack of DIY skills.

"When they invited me, I said trying to do it in 60 minutes would be a

disaster with me involved. Let's just say that in the 60 minutes that you'll watch the show we get it done.

"They brought me on board because they wanted it to be a little more light-hearted"

"If I want to do any DIY I call up the 60 Minute team. One of the guys came over the other day and said he was impressed with how my skills were progressing. We are so spoilt, this generation. Our parents used to do anything for us."

After his music career, Andre stayed in the limelight with a reality TV show about his life. Television is where he sees his future, while there is also a possibility he might move into serious acting.

He said: "Realistically, TV is my future. There is something on the horizon that looks very promising.

"I like light-hearted, funny things – I don't take myself too seriously. But sometimes there are opportunities you can't turn down."



Ticket prices for Music On The Hill

Jools Holland

Friday, July 19, price £36.
Gates open 6pm, concert starts 7.30pm

McFly

Saturday afternoon,
July 20, price £30.
Gates open noon, concert starts 1pm.

Peter Andre

Saturday evening, 20 July,
price £33. Gates open 6pm,
concert starts 7.30pm.

Family Summer Sunday

Sunday, July 21
Gates open noon, concert starts 1pm.
Adults £28, children (six-16) £17.50, family ticket (two adults and two children aged six-16) £80.

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We are delighted to be able to bring you the very first **Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards**

THE Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards will take place at Tudor Park Hotel on Thursday, November 14, 2013, from 6.30pm to midnight.

These brand-new awards are designed to champion, highlight and offer a showcase to the good and the great from the county's food and drink industry, including local producers and suppliers, small farming businesses, chefs, restaurants, pubs and hoteliers – people who care about the countryside and the future of our local environment.

The companies nominated will all be voted for by you, our readers. We want to know if you've received a fantastic meal at your local pub or have been impressed by the produce and service at your farmers' market or farm shop.

Entry forms are available online at www.kentnews.co.uk.

Entries close on Friday, August 30, 2013.

Our panel of judges will then select a shortlist, kickstarting the independent judging process where finalists will be visited or interviewed to determine a worthy winner in each category.

All finalists will be invited to the prestigious awards ceremony in November, where they will enjoy a Champagne reception and three-course meal based on locally-sourced produce before finding out if they are a winner.

This is the first Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards and we are immensely proud to be able to offer you the chance to reward and recognise the deserving businesses

within our local food and drink industry, the ones that consistently go above and beyond expectations.

These awards are what you make of them so if you are the owner of a restaurant, a budding chef or local producer, then help to spread the word among your clients and visitors.

With our online voting system up and running, it takes no time at all to cast your vote.

The judging panel is looking for quality over quantity, focusing on good comments rather than number of votes, so everybody is in with a chance, no matter how big or small your business is.

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NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



This popular category is open to anyone in the food or drink business who has started a new venture within the last 18 months. It could be any food and drink business but we want to know what impact they have made on the local community and whether they have started to achieve any success further afield. Are they helping to promote Kent food and drink to a new audience? Tell us who has impressed you.

BUTCHER OF THE YEAR



This category is here for one reason and that is to praise our many local butchers and everything they do for Kent. Consider asking your butcher how their meat is hung, prepared and cut and whether it can be traced to a local farm. Are the staff knowledgeable and helpful? Does the butcher play a key role within the local community? If so, nominate them.

BEST TEA SHOP OF THE YEAR



We recognise that tea shops are an integral part of the Kent food and drink scene and we'd like to know your favourites. Who makes the best tea, serves the nicest cakes and the freshest scones? Is the jam home made and are the sandwiches freshly cut and liberally filled? Most importantly, are most of the ingredients locally sourced? We're looking forward to hearing about your favourites.

INDEPENDENT RETAILER OF THE YEAR



This category acknowledges the hard work Kent's independent food and drink retailers put into giving their customers the best possible experience in-store, reinforcing their role at the heart of the community and showing true innovation with their displays. We are looking for independent retailers who put local and seasonal at the heart of the food and drink experience and who are proud to work with and support the best the Garden of England can offer.

BEST FARM SHOP



Just like our Farmers' Markets, a good farm shop needs to have that extra-special something to tempt shoppers away from their local supermarket. Are the staff friendly and knowledgeable, is the range of produce and the layout of an excellent standard, does your local farm shop offer a box scheme? Is most of the produce sold there grown or raised on that farm, or nearby and if not would the owner be able to tell you where it is from?

BEST FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCER



This category celebrates our local suppliers and producers who play such a vital role in the food community. We are looking for someone who consistently provides a reliable quality of products and services to their customers. So whether it's your local bakery, drinks merchant or meat producer, we want to know why this person or business goes the extra mile for you and gets your vote.

BEST FAMILY DINING VENUE



We've all experienced that sinking feeling when you go out for a meal with the family and you know almost immediately the proprietors and staff would have preferred you to have left the kids at home. We want to know about the exact opposite, those establishments that welcome and treat with respect your whole party, from elderly to very young, and ideally don't banish you too an outer

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room away from the main dining area. Do they have high-quality menus that suit every age group, provide high chairs if needed, offer useful distractions such as paper and crayons for younger children to use at the table? Is there a children's play area and good baby-changing facilities in the toilets? And most importantly is the food of an excellent standard and worthy of mum and dad as well as the younger members of the party? Tell us all about your best family dining experience in Kent.

BEST PUB OF THE YEAR



Combining country pubs and dining pubs, the whole eating-out experience needs to be taken into account in this category. Customer service, value for money and the quality of the food should all be accounted for. How well does the establishment you recommend use and name local suppliers and seasonal produce throughout its menus? Neighbourhood pubs are at the heart of the local community and this category is your chance to give something back for all the enjoyment they give you. Are the staff friendly and welcoming, even if it isn't your local? Are there local ales, juices, wines and ciders available to purchase and if so, are they proudly on display? Also, note the quality and speed of the service, the overall atmosphere and ambience, both inside and outside in the beer garden.

BEST FARMER'S MARKET



The key to a good Farmers' Market is not only the range of produce and the quality of its stalls but also the principles that it supports – for example, does it work as a co-operative with other farmers, is most of the produce sold there grown or raised locally? Are the stallholders welcoming and knowledgeable and is the layout easy to navigate as you move around the market? Are any extras offered on a regular basis, such as cookery demonstrations or talks, is it well advertised so you can plan your visit in advance, is there good accessibility and parking?

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR



We suspect that this category will be one of our most coveted awards, as the Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Restaurant of the Year needs to offer an incomparable dining experience, from the ambience to the service and most importantly the food. Is it locally sourced and does it change with the seasons? Does chef support local producers and are they recognised on the menu? Look through the wine list, are there local as well as international wines and sparkling wines and can the staff tell you more if you ask? We'd expect nothing less from our Restaurant of the Year.

CHEF OF THE YEAR



Kent is blessed with outstanding chefs working in the county's fantastic array of restaurants. The Chef of the Year should be someone who has devoted him or herself to the cause of serving the best possible food. They will demonstrate technical ability, use of seasonal ingredients, presentation of the food and an understanding of how flavours work together. They will be able to lead and inspire their team and to talk to customers knowledgeably about the dishes they have enjoyed. Above all, we are looking for passion – that magic ingredient that defines true greatness in the kitchen.

BEST KENT FOOD AND DRINK HERO



Kent has a food and drink scene that is more vibrant than many others across the UK. This category celebrates the individual who has made the most impact on the food or drink community – someone who goes the extra mile to promote Kent to a wider audience and is passionate about local produce throughout. Now is your chance to nominate your own Kent food and drink hero.

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Dramatic setting for Austen adaptation

CHIDDINGSTONE Castle will provide the backdrop for a performance of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* at the end of the month.

Adapted for stage by Laura Turner, the production will take place in the castle's Grade II-listed orangery on Wednesday, July 31.

The audience is encouraged to bring a picnic, rugs or low-backed chairs to enjoy the evening's entertainment.

Gates open at 5.30pm, with the performance starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £13.50; students and children £9; and families of two adults and two children £40. There is a 10 per cent discount for parties of 10 or more.

To book, visit www.seetickets.com, phone Tunbridge Wells Tourist Information Centre on 01892 515675 or the castle on 01892 872746.

Cherries, cherries, cherries... and the chance to spit a world record

By Greg Miles

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AN attempt to break the world cherry-pit-spitting record will be taking place at this year's annual Brogdale Cherry Festival next weekend.

It does not sound particularly glamorous, but you could be the holder of a Guinness World Record... that's if you can beat the mammoth distance of 28.51 metres (93ft 6.5in) set by American Brian Krause at the International Cherry Pit-Spitting Championship at Eau Claire, Michigan, in 2004.

The competition will be filmed and carried out with the guidance of the Guinness World Records organisation.

"It is the first time we have attempted a world record at Brogdale," said events and marketing manager Bernie Cranfield. "As we hold the largest collection of fruit in the world, it would be the cherry on top if the title for Cherry Stone Spitting – Greatest Distance was to be won here.

"It's something that has been big in the States, Australia and New Zealand. It's also big in some countries in Europe.

"We have a couple of people who are taking it seriously – I'm afraid I'm not one of them. I just

come up with the ideas. I think it's going to be quite competitive."

Aside from the pit-spitting, there will be hundreds of varieties of cherries for visitors to enjoy, as well as a barrel train being pulled by a quad and a Mad Hatter's tea party.

"We have more than 300 varieties of cherries grown here and there will be hundreds of cherries for people to try," said Ms Cranfield.

The festival was set to take place last weekend but was moved back after the cold spring delayed crops.

"It has been a really slow start to the year because we had such a cold spring. We decided to move it that bit further into July – it would have taken place originally last weekend and it's good it didn't or it would have clashed with Andy Murray at Wimbledon," she said.

"English people love cherries, so we are expecting to get a good group of people coming along to the festival, especially as last year it was such a poor crop.

The festival takes place at Brogdale Farm, in Brogdale Road, Faversham, on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, from 10am-5pm. Entry is £8 for adults and free for children. Visit www.cherryfestivalkent.co.uk for more details.



When Jack the Ripper came to Broadstairs

A MURDER mystery with a Victorian twist will be played out at The Sarah Thorne Theatre Club.

The Bludgeoner of Broadstairs will have audiences on the edge of their seats at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs on Saturday, July 20.

Set in the fog-filled streets of Victorian Broadstairs, it tells the story of Jack the Ripper preying on unsuspecting victims.

The audience is encouraged to get into the spirit of things with a prize awarded for the best Victorian dress.

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Tickets are priced at £21 for adults, £18.50 for seniors and visitors with disabilities (carer goes free), and £13.50 for children (under-fours free).

Tickets to Leeds Castle are valid for one year from the date of purchase, so you can pay once and visit all year round.

This summer also sees The Lord Chamberlain's Men returning to the castle with their all-male production of Shakespeare's mysterious and romantic comedy *As You Like It*.

Performances take place from Thursday to Saturday, July 25-27.

Tickets for *As You Like It* are priced at £17 for adults and £12 for children.

They can be bought online by visiting www.leeds-castle.com/events or by phoning the box office on 01622 880008.



SIMPLY AWESOME! Leeds Castle is an incredible attraction in its own right but the range of events and attractions over this summer take it to a different level

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Food, craft and all that jazz at Doddington Place

SUMMER will be in full bloom at Doddington Place Gardens this month to complement a special event – our first Kentish Food & Craft Fair with live jazz.

The fun begins at 11am on Sunday, July 21, and with more than 20 local producers and artisans coming to take part, this will be a great opportunity to sample the very best that Kent has to offer.

With stalls including delicatessens, smoked meats, fruit juices, preserves, fudge,

cobnuts, plants, herbs, home-made ice-cream, cheeses and award-winning local butcher SW Doughty, there will be something for everyone.

Our jazz band, Jo Francis & The Blue Notes, will be entertaining visitors with two fantastic jazz sets during the afternoon, at about 1pm and 3pm. Don't miss them!

Falconry demonstrations also take place at 3pm every Sunday and bank holiday.

The tea room offers

delicious home-made light lunches, home-made cakes and afternoon teas using Kentish produce – the perfect place to enjoy a cream tea and spend a perfect day out.

Doddington Place Gardens is open from 11am to 5pm every Sunday, Wednesday and Bank Holiday Monday, and tickets are priced at £5.50 per adult and £2 per child.

For more details, phone 01795 886101 or visit www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk.

So much to do at Kent Life, whatever the weather!

KENT Life is the county's premier rural heritage experience, with 28 acres of fun from hands-on activities for children to farming traditions that bring back memories from way back when.

A packed programme has been arranged from Thursday, July 25, to Monday, September 2. Join us for daily activities, vintage games, competitions, tours and trails and get up close and personal with our family of furry and feathered friends.

There will be a weekly barbecue and an even bigger and better play beach. The blacksmith will be in his forge on Sunday, August 11, only, from 10am-5pm.

Kent Life has animals to cuddle, tractors to ride on, indoor and outdoor play areas to go wild in, fascinating historic buildings to explore and cafés in which to relax. There's always something to do at Kent Life, whatever the weather. For extra fun you can get your face painted, go water-zorbing, try stilt-walking or go karting.

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ALL ABOARD! Families love Kent Life activities

Kent Life has picked up a host of awards. For example, it was named Attraction of the Year by parent company The Continuum Group. In May, it won a Certificate of Excellence Award 2013 from TripAdvisor.

Kent Life admission: standard prices are adults £8.95; children £6.95; concessions £7.95; and under-3s free. Kent Life members also go free. Additional charges apply for certain activities.

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The Red Lion: a mix of tradition and fantastic food

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In addition, there is a superb range of menus and events (visit www.theredlion.org for details). Just a couple are:

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Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday – booking is advisable.

Opening hours: We are open Monday to Saturday from 11.30am-11pm, with food served from midday to 2.30pm and 6pm-9pm, and on Sunday from midday to 10.30pm, with food served from midday to 8pm.

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Glorious history at Royal Engineers Museum

THIS summer the Royal Engineers Museum is hosting a series of events and activities. Join us on the weekend of August 3-4 for the Big History Showcase.

This weekend will be filled with living-history displays showcasing the fascinating and entertaining history of the British Army.

Over the summer holidays the museum will also embark on a spectacular historical tour.

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Maybe you have historic things that you want identified – then why not come along to 'Meet the Experts' on Tuesday, August 13, and find out more?

Museum curators and local experts will be on hand not only to discuss and identify your items but also to provide tips on caring for the objects.

To find out more about this summer's events at the Royal Engineers Museum in Gillingham, you can visit www.re-museum.co.uk.

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Farriers Arms hosts two top events for the whole family

THERE are two weekends for all the family at The Farriers Arms at Mersham this summer.

The first is from Friday to Sunday, July 26-28, when the fourth Beer, Cider and Music Festival is being held. You can pre-purchase discount tickets from The Farriers.

More than 70 real ales and ciders have become part of a great day out for lovers of real beers, sourced both locally and from other parts of the country.

There is lots of music, with 10 bands including Hullabaloo and The Pins, and family entertainment such as a charity auction and duck races.

And on Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4, there is the Fabulous 40s and 50s Weekend for all who love old autos, bikes, military and agricultural vehicles or enjoy the sounds of swingtime, jazz and rock'n'roll.

Again you can pre-purchase discount tickets from The Farriers.

There is free entry for vintage exhibitors, any attending in appropriate period dress, senior citizens and military personnel (with proof of ID).



PIE STALL: Eat, drink and be merry at the Farriers

Fifties tribute stars (Sinatra, Dean and Elvis) will perform at the 40-themed supper on Saturday evening in the marquee (40s/50s dress optional). Booking is advised.

Also performing will be The Military Wives (Shorncliffe) in aid Help for Heroes on Sunday, along with the ever-popular Swingtime Sweethearts and Miss Holiday Swing. Weather permitting, there will be Richard Thomas aerobatic displays.

Take part in duck races in aid of Pilgrims Hospices and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. You can camp and or bring the caravan.

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Have a monster of a time at Chessington adventures resort

JOIN Chessington World of Adventures Resort for a summer of adventure as global phenomenon Moshi Monsters take over from Saturday, July 20, to Sunday, August 18.

Back by popular demand, children's favourite Little Monsters from the digital online game come to life once again at Chessington, this time looking for adventurers to take part in a special Puzzle Palace Challenge around the resort.

Play the Moshi Monsters Puzzle Palace Challenge as you explore the park and solve the brain-boggling puzzles to earn Rox vouchers to spend in-game at moshimonsters.com. You can also get your hands on an exclusive voucher holder, stickers and an Ultimate Player Guide!

Plus, for the first time ever at Chessington, adventurers will have the chance to meet ALL SIX Moshi Monsters – Poppet, Katsuma, Zommer, Furi, Diavlo and Luvli!

As if that wasn't enough, there will be an opportunity to win the complete Micro Moshi toy bundle, the complete Series 7 Moshling Collectables and a Chessington World of Adven-

tures Resort Annual Pass for a family of four throughout the two-week event.

But the fun doesn't stop there as Chessington is packed full of things for the whole family to enjoy. With the brand-new attraction ZUFARI: Ride into Africa! offering guests an incredible off-road safari-truck adventure, you can experience a taste of Africa in the heart of Surrey and get up close and personal with amazing live animals, including endangered white rhinos and rare Rothschild's giraffes.

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Summer of Fun

Times are changing at Wingham Wildlife Park

HAVING taken over Wingham Wildlife Park in February 2008, owners Tony and Jackie Binskin and their team have worked hard to see the park turn around, becoming one of the UK's fastest-growing wildlife parks.

Tony Binskin said: "When we first took over the park, it didn't have a great reputation and was still seen as just a bird park. Our toughest job has been changing people's minds and getting the people of Kent to give us another go."

Jackie added: "We now have over 7,000 season-ticket-holders, from the 41 we had in 2008, which shows that a lot of our visitors want to come back and see the new animals on their next visit, which will inhabit the enclosure they saw being built on their previous visit!"

Just in time for the summer holidays, the collection at Wingham Wildlife Park is not going to disappoint, with a cast of new arrivals having joined the park over the first half of the year.

"We work very hard all of the time to bring new and exciting animals, which people want, as well as steering the park in a more conservation-heavy direction," said Tony.

Along with adding individuals to the park, completing pairs of animals, including Loki the male jaguar (who was recently named in a poll on the park's very successful Facebook page),



there are also new species. In January the park received its own pack of European wolves and a few months later it added Jasper the red panda, pictured above, to that end of the site.

Jackie said: "Jasper is a really important conservation animal for us and we hope to find a female for him when he matures, but for now he is a huge hit with staff and visitors alike."

The latest addition to the park is Nando the lowland tapir, a very gentle animal who has taken up residence on the large lake at the park.

"The mandrills that inhabit the island at the other end of the park seem almost as interested in him as our visitors are!" exclaimed Tony.

He added: "Even though we have already had an action-packed start to the year, there are still a few more surprises we have planned for the very near future."



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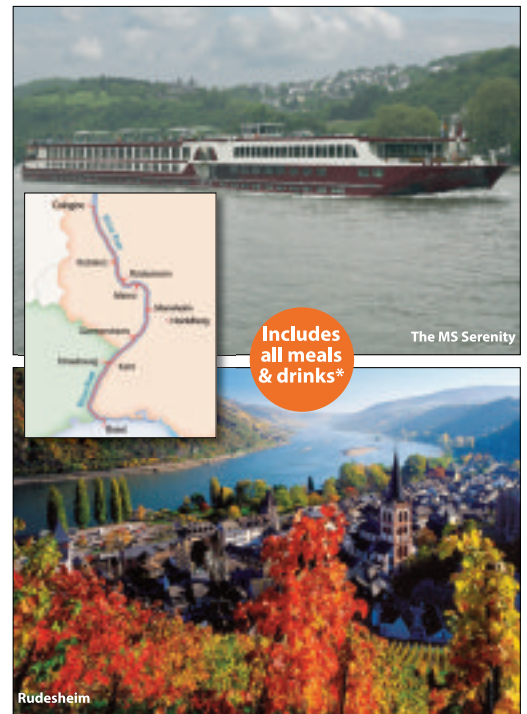
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Workplace deaths buck national trend

The number of workers killed in Britain last year has fallen, official statistics published recently show – but the south east appears to be bucking the trend.

Provisional data released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) reveals 148 workers were fatally injured at work between April 2012 and March 2013, compared with 172 in the previous year.

In the south east, however, the figure shows 22 deaths in the last year, compared to 17 the year before.

However, the overall trend is encouraging with Britain having one of the lowest rates of fatal injuries to workers in leading industrial nations in Europe consistently for the last eight years.

Judith Hackitt, chair of the HSE, said: "These figures are being published in the same week as the 25th anniversary of the Piper Alpha disaster, and are a reminder to us all of why health and safety is so important. Although the number of people killed at work has dropped significantly, last year 148 people failed to return home to their loved ones."

Of the figures nationwide, 39 deaths were of construction workers, 29 were agricultural and 10 waste and recycling workers.

Stadium rights deal is on the ball

Non-league football club Folkestone Invicta has signed a major new stadium naming rights deal.

The club's home ground in Cheriton Road will now be known as the Fullicks Stadium.

It follows a deal signed with the Cheriton-based domestic appliance company.

The stadium had previously had a deal in place with coach firm Buzzlines.

Founded in 1963 by Fred Fullick, the firm has had a long connection with the club, with Mr Fullick a director in one of its previous incarnations.

His son Paul, who now runs the firm, said: "My brother and I were both decent footballers, but Dad was always working in those days and never had time to come and watch us. It was only after he retired that he got involved in the game when he became a director of the old Folkestone club during the 1980s."

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Striking way to stoke up tourism investment strategy

THESE are the two latest images to adorn marketing posters promoting Kent to London and the south east.

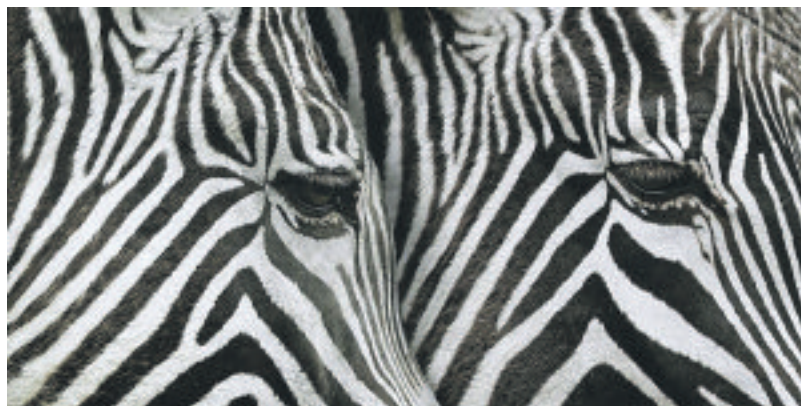
Visit Kent, the organisation which promotes local tourism, focuses on the commercial giant that is Bluewater and wildlife park Port Lympne, near Hythe.

Dubbed Kent Contemporary, a third image for 2013, capturing the essence of Ashford Designer Outlet, is in the pipeline.

The new images mark the launch of the third year of the campaign run by Visit Kent working with M&C Saatchi.

In its first year, the poster campaign generated 79,000 additional overnight trips and short breaks in Kent, 221,260 additional visitor nights worth almost £18 million and 196,375 day-trips from outside Kent with visitors spending £7,853,000. Last year the campaign delivered an 86:1 return on investment with an additional 304,098 visitor nights and 310,589 day-trips worth £15 million.

Lynnette Crisp, head of marketing at Visit Kent, said: "The photographs, developed in partnership with our private investors, are atmospheric and deliberately quirky and enigmatic – we are representing our 21st century county and challenging people's traditional perceptions of the Garden of England."



WORTH A VISIT: From Port Lympne to Bluewater the posters aim to encourage more people to explore the county

Councils urged to spend local to keep money in our economy

By Chris Britcher

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IT HAS long been the case for consumers, now research backs up claims money spent by local authorities acquiring services from small firms ensures more cash stays in the local economy.

Research from the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) shows 58 per cent more of the money spent with small firms is re-spent in the local economy compared to that spent with large businesses in the same area.

It found small local firms generated £746 million more for the local economy compared to large local businesses – even though more than £500m less was spent with them. For every £1 spent with a small or medium-sized business (SME) 63p was re-spent in the area compared to 40p per £1 with a larger business.

In an exclusive report, the FSB and the Centre for Local Economic Strategies surveyed local authorities across the UK and found that in the last year they spent £8.7 billion buying goods and services in their local area.

Now the business group – which represents smaller firms across the county – is calling on local authorities to review how they spend. It believes if each authority in the UK had spent an additional five per cent of their budget locally and committed just three per cent more of that to small local firms, an additional £788m could have been generated for local economies.

The FSB's report, Local Procurement: Making the Most of Small Businesses, One Year On, is the second report on the power of local authorities and how they utilise local businesses in their areas for goods and services.

It shows good practice across many of the responding local authorities, including 86 per cent of local authorities breaking contracts into smaller chunks to help SMEs win work.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "This report shows the power and strength of small firms to create jobs and growth in the local economy if given the help to do so."

"The evidence speaks for itself. Spending locally invests in jobs and growth for the area. We want to see more of this across the country."

"Engagement with small firms is essential. While our members do win contracts, many are still deterred by the process. We had a good response to the survey which shows local authorities working with SMEs, but we say more of this will help boost the local economy."

"As with most things, a one-size-fits-all approach won't work and something that works for one council won't necessarily work in another. This is why we're calling on local authorities to work with their local FSB to create an environment in which small firms can grow and prosper in the areas they work."

Business secretary, Vince Cable, said: "In central government we are already trying to level the playing field with an aspirational target that 25 per cent of our contracts should be awarded to small and medium-sized enterprises by 2015."

"A new website that provides free access to public sector contract opportunities worth over £10,000, the abolition of pre-qualification questionnaires for contracts under £100,000 in value and the appointment of a Crown representative for SMEs will all help."

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NATURE: work at Larkey Valley

CANTERBURY College students have helped Kent Wildlife Trust carry out crucial conservation work at a popular nature reserve.

Uniformed public services students carried out the ancient practice of coppicing at Larkey Valley Nature Reserve, Chartham, to help create a better natural habitat for its animal inhabitants.

They were trained to use saws, axes and other coppicing tools by Kent

Wildlife Trust's Daniel Fagan, skills which will count towards their BTEC level 1 diploma in uniformed public services.

Mr Fagan said: "The students had a great work ethic. They learnt how to coppice trees using different tools and felling cuts, they stacked and burnt wood and helped split logs to heat the visitor's centre." Eighteen students have visited the woods once a month since September.

College gets feedback on creative centre plan

EAST Kent College opened its doors to the public this week to gather feedback on the development of its planned Centre for Creative Industries, due to open in September 2014.

The college secured a £1.6m government grant earlier this year and almost £1.7m in private funding which will allow for the centre to be built. Once open, it will help develop skills and training in digital industries and other creative areas.

'House party' scheme is key to unlocking issues

MIDKENT College staged a "house party" at its Medway campus theatre to get students talking about some of the issues affecting young people today.

Sex, drugs and internet safety were among the topics discussed at the event, organised in partnership with the Beat Project charity.

Head of student support Karen Baker said: "This was a fantastic way to open up a dialogue with students and to remind them there is always someone they can talk to."



DESIGN: (L-r) Lee Smith, MD of FORZA; Lee Vidal; tutor Sancha De Burca, Soraya Veale; and Nigel David

Work experience boost for one design student

K COLLEGE students have been pitted against each other in a bid to win one week's paid work experience in what could prove a huge stepping stone in their future careers.

Ashford-based supplement manufacturer FORZA offered a week of work for a graphic design student to work in its technology centre in Javelin Way.

And with quality work experience often difficult to come by – and paid experience practically non-existent – the competition was fierce.

Graphic design students worked for four weeks on their projects, based on a live brief from FORZA, which would demonstrate a clear understanding of simple graphical elements, such as effective logo design, and show they were able to implement their vision while sticking to strict brand guidelines.

The winning candidate will, after the week of work experience, be given a written reference from the FORZA managing director to use in their CV – something which could prove a stepping stone and make them stand out from the competition when applying for jobs.

FORZA brand manager Nigel Davison explained: "We are excited to be working closely with K College after providing a group of its graphic design students with a live project to be completed over four weeks.

"The competition has been tailored specifically to growing the students' commercial experience, helping them to understand the process of bring-

ing a product to market and allowing them to compete against each other for success."

The best five entries from the students at K College – which has campuses in Tonbridge, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone – were given a further week-long task. The final winner is due to be announced shortly.

Jez Giddings, head of faculty for creative industries at K College, said: "We are fortunate to have creative companies such as FORZA who are keen to offer our students opportunities to work alongside industry professionals and experience live vocational briefs.

"The creative industries need students to be work-ready, and able to fit into a fast paced and ever changing landscape.

"The competition and work experience that FORZA is providing is raising student aspirations and strengthening the link between education and industry which is much needed and greatly appreciated."

Managing director of FORZA, Lee Smith, said he was proud to collaborate with K College on such a project. "My goal is to mirror the working environment but from the comfort of the college so that the students can thrive without being intimidated," he said.

"It is important that entrepreneurs find time to pass on their skills to the younger generation as the UK is being left behind by more proactive nations when it comes to business and commercial awareness."

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It is holding a two-day training course in Ashford on July 20 and 21 and this can be taken alongside an online

learning programme for the most comprehensive qualification. The course will train people how to teach the English language, which can lead to work opportunities across the globe.

TEFL England has now trained around 15,000 people to teach English abroad.

Co-founder Joe Hallwood said: "We see great interest from the people of Kent.

"This is a fantastic opportu-

nity for those who enrol to boost their CV, gain widely transferrable life and career skills and open a world of work, travel and volunteering opportunities abroad.

"TEFL is something that changed my life, so we're very proud as an organisation to help people achieve similar experiences."

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As investors pull out, why the sun is shining again on festival

Special KOS Report

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ONCE upon a time it was seen as a licence to print money – but the world of music festivals has seen a dark cloud hover over recent years which has poured financial ruin on some of the biggest and most well-respected names.

A squeeze on spending, intense competition and the wet and miserable British summertime has been the undoing of many – not least promoter Vince Power and his Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood, which collapsed amid a financial quagmire last year and failed to rematerialise in a scaled-down version this summer.

In fact, the county's music festival scene – once quite vibrant – now has just one key player: Lounge on the Farm.

Set amid the cow sheds and fields of a working farm on the outskirts of Canterbury, the event founded in 2006 has been on something of a rollercoaster in recent years.

Today, it continues, hopefully on an upward path, but as a lesson in the perils of big business.

Just three years ago, it signed a deal which seemed to herald a new dawn.

It had agreed terms with three investors – a major music promoter, the owner of a ticket agency and a figure with a track record of running music events.

When it comes to ticking all the boxes, surely this was it – the ticket to transforming the event into a major national big-hitter?

Yet fate is a fickle friend, and as the founders and organisers of Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm prepared to take their event to the next level, things started to go wrong.

The 2011 event – the first to be dramatically influenced by investors – saw the capacity double from 5,000 to 10,000. The acts and stages were, in the main, dictated by the new money and as a result attracted a more youthful audience.

But with a more youthful, exuberant audience came pitfalls. There were issues with security and those craving the family atmosphere which



IT'S NOT ALL A STORY OF SUCCESS

While the economic clouds continue to gather over major outdoor events, Lounge on the Farm continues where others have imploded.

Kent's other major festival in recent years has been the Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood. After attracting huge names to perform, it failed to make any money over its five-year history.

With organisers spending up to \$1m (£650,000) to attract the likes of Prince to headline, it struggled to recoup the costs. Lounge, in comparison, looks to spend an

estimated £120,000 – in total – on its line-up.

Last year, promoter Vince Power pulled the plug on the firm behind the Hop Farm Festival and it slid into liquidation, still owing millions to artists and suppliers.

It attempted to return this summer, bringing its 50,000 capacity down to a mere 10,000 and putting it on a collision course with Lounge.

But ticket sales slumped and it was cancelled earlier this year.

It is unclear if the festival will return, but it would seem unlikely.

had so appealed to the 5,000 regulars, built up over the six years before, were left less than impressed. The family-focused demographic had been rudely diluted.

"We became like any other festival anywhere else in the UK," reflects Sean Baker, who along with business partner Victoria Hazell founded and remains the driving force behind the event. "And that's not what Lounge is."

It lost money, and, perhaps more damaging, injured the reputations of those who had invested love, sweat, tears and money into the event.

"The 2011 festival was a real jolt," explains Ms Hazell, "we suddenly became very commercial. And we've been slowly trying to bring it back."

"It was particularly galling as because of decisions made by others, who perhaps didn't quite understand the event, my reputation was hit."

We'd spent years establishing ourselves to the point we had a permanent licence, and the events of 2011 saw that disappear. Now we have the expense of having to apply every year.

"But we're trying to get people to recognise Lounge is going back to its roots this year."

The 2012 event – dogged by bad weather – ironed out many of the creases, but the business proposition was still proving hard to balance.

Buoyed by investors' mon-

RETURNED TO ITS ROOTS:
Festival founder Sean Baker

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Power down again as Spain shares are sold

PROMOTER of the Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood – cancelled earlier this year due to poor ticket sales – Vince Power, has sold his majority share in another troubled festival he ran – Spain's Benicassim.

He has sold his share in the event's parent company, Maraworld SA, to Denis Desmond, founder of MCD Productions and SJM Concerts. This year's event takes place next weekend.

Cheers! Wine producer raises a glass to funds

WINE producer Chapel Down has raised more than £4.3million as part of a major fundraising and financial restructuring project.

The Tenterden-based wine and beer producer raised the funds by issuing 25 million shares on the ISDX market. It was overseen by Kings Hill-based Vertex Law. It will allow it to increase its wine and beer-making capacity and invest in more vineyard acreage.

Park to cut the ribbon on latest office spaces

THE latest phase of development at the Aylesham Business Park will be officially opened this week.

The £2m development of five workshops and 17 serviced offices will be unveiled this Wednesday, July 17.

The investment has been delivered by the East Kent Spatial Development Company in partnership with the Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust.

Rebranding gives new name to transport firm

FOLLOWING a reorganisation, Kent County Council's Commercial Transport Solutions has been rebranded.

Originally set up as a workshop for KCC vehicles, the Aylesford-based CTS Vehicles Services, as it will now be known, now employs over 32 mechanics, panel beaters and painters, and also handles Kent Fire and Rescue vehicles. The rebranding includes new corporate livery.

Council goes live with chamber support plan

SWALE Borough Council is launching the first phase of its business support programme, in partnership with the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

The local authority is now able to provide a free business 'start-up' support programme to new and existing businesses in the borough.

To find out more, or take advantage of the programme, contact 01795 379012.

Catering for expansion after funding secured

A CATERING equipment distribution firm in Erith is expanding after securing funding.

Erith-based Neville UK will broaden its stock range with a view to increasing its turnover by 20 per cent over the next year, and take on more staff.

The family-run company, which employs 32 people, received the financial boost from bank giant NatWest.

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"It was one of the best reflections of what we do here – and I thank all the students for reminding us of this. All of us who understand the essence of Kent College realise that it is the quality of human interactions that defines the ethos," said headmaster Dr David Lamper in his speech day address.

Indeed the school has so much to be singing and dancing about – academic results continue to be a strength, with recent International Baccalaureate results placing the school among the best in the country for the second year running; the students who sat their exams this summer already know that they have secured places at some of the most prestigious universities in the UK, America, Spain and Germany.



The GREAT programme (which stands for Gifted, Really Enthusiastic, Able and Talented) offered by the new curriculum structure at the nursery, infant and junior School is key to early success.

Setting in core subjects is designed to accelerate progress and gives children the option to develop particular skills, be they academic or in art, drama, music or sport to prepare for exams and scholarships.

This personalised approach to education is offered right across Kent College.

"Living on a big map" with partnership schools in Tanza-

nia, Australia, New Zealand and the USA, students have benefited from a full school and teacher-exchange programme (see the picture above).

One of the reasons Kent College became Church School of the Year for London and the South East was because it could show 'we live on a big map'.

This was borne out recently when a shipping container holding tens of thousands of pounds worth of donated educational materials was sent to Tanzania in support of the schools there; also by the recent announcement that Kent College, Dubai, will open in 2015.



Innovation key to the St Catherine's way

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CANTERBURY has been voted one of the best places to live in the South East by The Sunday Times. One of the twelve reasons for Canterbury being one of the best places to live is due to the calibre of its schools. Kent College, Canterbury being one of the strongest contenders.

Academically it has been rated in the top 25% of schools nationally for the value added that it achieves for all of its pupils. Offering the International Baccalaureate alongside A levels the school is now world renowned for its academic reputation.

Kent College is in the top 10 schools nationally for the IB with average points of 37.4. Its A level results place it in the top 100 schools of its kind in the country. And it regularly has a 100% GCSE pass rate.

These results alone are worth shouting about but it is all the acclaim that the school achieves alongside fantastic academic results that make it truly remarkable.

The school's young choristers are hard at work practising for their performance in the Royal Albert Hall an honour that they have been awarded by becoming national winners of the Barnados' Choir of the Year Competition at the Barbican.

Having just completed a stunning performance of Guys and Dolls, some of the school's young performers recently won the top places at the Thanet Drama Festival with Toby Corteen - Coleman and Helen Sotillo taking the highest accolade.

On the sports field both the boys and girls hockey teams won County titles and narrowly missed places at the National championships.

The junior school is renowned for its running and recently won first place at the IAPS National cross-country event where they won two titles: one for being the best performing small school and one for beating every prep school in the Country!

We currently have two students playing hockey for England, five nationally ranked athletes and two nationally ranked skiers.

At the start of next term over 100 singers either at the school, or attached to the school through its outreach work, will sing The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

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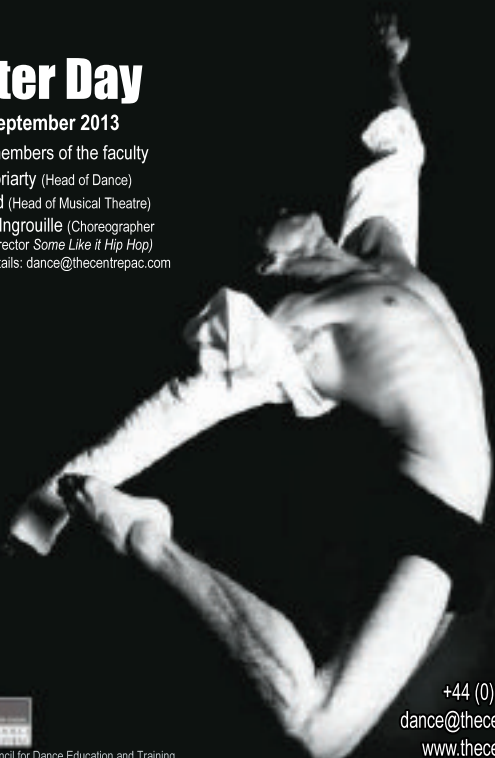
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Passion and style places the Evoque out in front of its rivals

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By Steve Loader

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YOU can almost sense the frustration at Renault as it rolls out the new Scénic XMOD.

The new car is the French marque's third attempt since 2000 to marry crossover appeal with its original compact MPV.

Act I in the Scénic crossover drama was the RX4 in 2000, with a pukka 4x4 system courtesy of Austrian specialist Steyr Daimler Puch, but it was discontinued when Renault introduced the Mark 2 Scénic in 2003.

Act II was the Scénic Conquest (2007-09), but this hardly lived up to the name, being simply a front-wheel-drive pseudo off-road cosmetic exercise.

Act III is the XMOD and what looks like a stylish yet sensible compromise between its two predecessors: it is front-wheel-drive but equipped with Renault's Grip Xtend traction control system and mud and snow tyres.

Using a simple rotary selector, the driver can choose three modes: 'Road' is the default setting with 'Loose Ground' and 'Expert' selectable if things get trickier.

This is not intended to be for off-road yomping – even the XMOD's slightly higher ground clearance won't help much there anyway – but Grip Xtend should do what it says on the tin and get you along a muddy track or into work safely when it's snowy or icy.

Like the newly-launched Peugeot 2008 and its Grip Control on the front wheels, it's a decent halfway house now that 4x4 is looking increasingly like an expensive-to-buy-and-run affectation, rarely needed in the real world.

The XMOD also looks more exciting than any MPV has a right to: sporting the revised front end and LED running lights of the new-look Scénic line-up, it also has some trendy off-road add-ons: special front and rear bumpers, sill guards and chrome-finish roof bars.

The interior is well equipped, most notably with a seven-inch touchscreen multimedia system. Flagship Dynamique Tom Tom sat-nav versions also get a racy GTI-style flat-bottomed steering wheel, aluminium-capped pedals and gear-lever knob, and other interior upgrades.

As ever, Scénic practicality comes as standard, too, with the XMOD's boot capacity being up to 555 litres with rear seats slid forward, rising to 1,870 with them removed completely, making its load capacity one of the biggest in class. Renault says there is a further 86 litres of additional storage space spread around the cabin.

With a starting price of £17,955 that, amazingly, undercuts those for the standard five-seat Scénic and seven-seat Grand Scénic by £1,160 and £2,360 respectively, it's a package hard to ignore for those looking for an MPV with crossover appeal.

A downside is that the ride can be a bit fidgety, being a compromise between old-style French armchair comfort – complete with door handle-scrubbing cornering – and a tautly-sprung upright Teutonic cornering stance.



RENAULT SCÉNIC XMOD

Price:
from £17,955

Driving appeal:
★★★★

Image:
★★★★

Space:
★★★★★

Value:
★★★★★

Running costs:
★★★★

Reliability:
★★★★

How green?:
★★★★

Best rival:
Peugeot 3008

XMOD acting like a crossover



DIFFERENT APPROACH:

The Scénic XMOD is Renault's third attempt at really cracking the MPV sector and the French marque seem to have finally cracked it with this practical and spacious offering



DON'T LIKE

... the ride much, but that's easily outweighed by an overall package that is practical and will get you from A to B in all but the worst of winters.



NOT SURE

... it's sexy enough to attack SUV-style crossovers it seeks to attack, including Renault's own Captur, but typically-French chic will win many buyers.



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Passionate response to Evoque

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WITH hindsight, it seems blindingly obvious that a junior Range Rover should scale new sales heights, much as it might conquer a muddy hill.

After all, compact SUVs have been in vogue for a few years now and BMW and Audi have both offered variants with prestige as well as a measure of gung-ho spirit.

But nothing quite touches the Evoque, launched in late 2011 and now one of the planks of a remarkable Jaguar Land Rover revival.

The junior 'Rangie' has looks, interior class, proper off-road ability – except the eco-friendly front-wheel-drive versions, of course – and credibility. Only Jeep and perhaps Toyota's Land Cruiser brand could have created a junior SUV with such 4x4 off-road authenticity, but neither could then hack it for design and tangible quality, even if the Land Cruiser would be the one you'd stake your life on for reliability.

And then there's the Evoque's sex appeal: I'm not saying it's exclusively a girls' car, but the ladies certainly love its looks and style – a point not lost on male buyers who want to be noticed.

Admittedly, I have only anecdotal evidence here plus proof that my other half seemed to believe the test car's key was her exclusive property.

Did she like the Evoque? She bloody loved it! I have never seen her so downcast at the end of a test loan, except when the Bentley GTC went back – a car costing almost four times as much.

The test Evoque was a full 4x4 five-door model in luxury Prestige trim (from £38,300), which vies with sporty Dynamic as the flagship finish, with Pure being the 'cool' effect used on the most affordable and front-wheel-drive models, though none of these look cheap.

You can also customise your Evoque a lot by, for instance, varying the roof colour – which can have the effect of lowering the car.

Ours also came with the highly desirable £4,425 LUX pack, which includes a panoramic

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Driving appeal: ★★★★★

Image: ★★★★★

Space: ★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★

Running costs: ★★★★★

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Range Rover's junior SUV, the Evoque, offers real off-road capabilities plus a style and class that very few cars in the sector can come close to

glass roof and electric blinds that open up the cabin visually. This is a must on the rakish but slightly more claustrophobic three-door coupé, which Land Rover has convinced buyers is worth paying extra for – coupé prices start at £30,195 against the five-door's £29,200.

I'll take the gravitas of the five-door every time; it looks like a junior Range Rover and is practical, too.

Of course, most buyers will never need its magnificent off-road prowess, though I can vouch for this after driving various Evoques on moorland, rutted tracks and cloying mud in Scotland.

It is so easy and comfortable to drive off-road, and the trademark icon-driven Land/Range Rover terrain selector makes it simple to be in the right mode for the wrong conditions.

And it's pretty sharp on-road, too. Though

relatively high, the 'Adaptive Dynamics' chassis is set up to give a flat cornering stance without body-roll, yet ride comfort is surprisingly good for a car with such taut cornering composure.

The 190bhp version of the 2.2-litre turbodiesel that is the mainstay of the range is smooth and the test car had an unobtrusive six-speed auto box; the pairing should be good for an average of around 40mpg – not bad for a car with a 0-60mph of eight seconds.

Does any of this matter?

Not really when the car is so arresting inside and out. I have confessed regularly that the Evoque's looks don't really work for me, since I'm not a lover of SUVs anyway.

This is usually greeted with howls of 'shame' or outright derision. Rarely has a vehicle, other than the most exotic of supercars, 'evoked' such passionate defence.

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Country tourer eyes its rivals

THERE are no prizes for guessing which cars are in Vauxhall's sights for the new all-wheel-drive Insignia Country Tourer.

With its pumped-up stance and protective cladding, this is an attack on Audi's Allroad models and the Volvo XC70, and likely to be considerably cheaper – prices will be announced closer to the launch later this year.



Leon crowns SEAT success

SEAT has crowned a sales resurgence with its Leon hatchback taking the coveted Auto Express Car of the Year 2013 award.

The judges' verdict on the Leon (from £15,670): "We love its style, the way it drives, the quality and the kit. Best of all, you get all that at a bargain price, while running costs will be ultra-low, too."



Golf has space with real style

VW has often delayed renewing the estate model in its Golf line-up, but the German marque has waited just six months this time – a sign perhaps that 'wagons' are in vogue.

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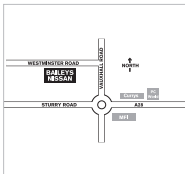
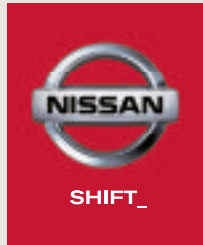
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Open-top Motoring

Buyer's Guide

Sun's out – so time to shop for a crop-top

FINALLY the sunshine arrives and stays, so maybe it's time to shop for that dream convertible after all.

And it is peculiarly British to aspire to open-top motoring when we are supposed to have Europe's most unreliable weather.

But maybe getting the top down is more important to us when the opportunity comes so rarely.

Then there's the heritage factor: UK manufacturers were early leaders in open-top driving, with classics including the Triumph TRs, glorious Jaguar XKs and the E-Type and, of course, MGs.

Indeed, after the Second World War, markets around the globe bought into the affordable British open-top phenomenon as our carmakers were exhorting to export and pull the country out of post-war depression.

But it was still a niche market and, as the UK car industry declined, companies felt they could not divert valuable research and development into replacements.

Classics like the MGB were allowed to become outmoded, while the few imported convertibles tended to be flaky or exorbitant luxuries.

Then Mazda created the MX-5 in the late 1980s, inspired by Triumphs and MGs, but offering a balance and reliability they could not emulate.

It even had a properly weathertight roof that could be raised or lowered in seconds.

Best Boxster so far?



PORSCHE launched its third-generation Boxster open-top sportster last year with an all-new 35-kilo-lighter body.

It looks more purposeful, with a wider track, greater windscreen rake and crisp lines leading into bigger versions of the car's trademark air intakes ahead of the rear wheel, highlighting the mid-engine layout that delivers such poise and balance.

It allows the Boxster (from £38,237) to tuck neatly into a corner and hang on tightly, yet none of this tenacity comes at the price of a horribly uncomfortable ride.

Indeed, the Boxster is a rare sports car that you could use on long business trips, not least because it has two boots – a shallow one at the

back abaft the engine and a deep bin between the front wheels.

The cockpit is impeccably finished with high-quality leather and an orderly layout, though it might lack some of the endearing qualities of the old car. There is also a big infotainment screen above a centre console, apparently inspired by the Porsche 911 Carrera GT supercar.

The driving position is as good as ever, and the car now benefits from a one-touch fully-electric hood.

As before, there is a choice of two easy-revving flat-six engines – the boxer units that inspires the car's name – and fuel efficiency is up to 15 per cent better than before.

Steve Loader

As more convertibles entered the market, so the quality of weather and sound insulation improved and heated-glass rear screens became the norm. Some premium models also came with

an electrically-raised/lowered roof. And then Mercedes-Benz made headlines by launching the folding-hard-top two-seat SLK roadster in 1996.

Others rushed to copy the idea as many buyers realised that their dream convertible could also be a car for all seasons... one you could even claim as your company car.

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Fiat knows Brits like the good life

YOU might have thought that Fiat would launch the open-top version of the hugely popular 500 in its Italian homeland.

But Fiat recognised we Brits know more about la dolce vita with convertibles than anyone else, so we got the little car's 500C derivative first.

The present day 500 is a retro homage to the 1950s 500 'Nuevo' model, so the 500C naturally resembles the 1957 fabric-roof Nuevo derivative.

But that's where the resemblance ends; it's more than 50 years ahead for refinement and convenience, with aerodynamic research ensuring that turbulence with the roof open has been cut to a minimum.

The fast-opening/retracting electric sliding roof

also makes the 500C a year-round proposition. It has an exclusive feel to its interior, too, embellished with top-quality desirable fabrics and optional Frau leather upholstery, and a long list of standard and optional features, from automatic climate control to innovative Interscope hi-fi and the Blue&Me Map portable navigation unit.

There is also plenty of powertrain choice, including a 1.3-litre diesel for the ultimate in economy driving, but the smart choice is the low-emission turbocharged 0.9-litre TwinAir petrol unit, blending economy and performance while also being light enough to take advantage of the 500C's nimble character.

Steve Loader

Go with the Cascada's flow

VAUXHALL wants to be seen as more upmarket and the Cascada makes the point very well.

It's a stylish full four-seat convertible built on the Vauxhall Astra platform, so it handles and rides well, but its own sleek and elegant body makes it 20cm longer.

And while the powered fabric roof looks traditional against folding hard-top rivals, it's the best sound-insulating 'ragtop' I've come across apart from the Bentley GTC's – a car costing some six times more.

The fabric roof also means that the Cascada's 'roof-up' style is not compromised by the need to bridge the shortest possible gap above the passengers' heads.

The result is one of the most elegant convertibles on the road, roof up or down.

Bootspace is not horribly compromised, either, when the roof is fully retracted and stowed automatically beneath a neat rear deck.

And there's decent accommodation for both rear passengers, with good legroom for this type of car, and rear seats that are not absurdly upright as in some other four-seat convertibles.

On the road, you are quickly aware, too, that this is a convertible designed from the ground up: the Cascada feels taut, with in-built strength engineered in rather than simply bolted on afterwards.

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Class with glass from Renault

RENAULT took the folding hard-top coupé cabriolet format one stage further by launching one with a glass roof.

And you can't help but admire the thinking behind it: why not have the feel of open-top motoring even with the roof up?

The first take on this was the Megane Coupé-Cabriolet or CC of 2006, replaced by a smarter and more premium version in 2009, spun from the new-look Megane hatchback range.

The glass roof is an engineering tour de force created in partnership with German motor specialist Karmann, which created the original VW Beetle Convertible – now very collectible.

Apart from its ability to deliver a convertible feel even with the roof up, the latest-generation Megane CC can also carry two adults in the back, making this car a serious contender for everyday motoring and long-distance mileages.

On top of that, Renault offers a typically crowd-pleasing list of alternative powertrains, including some from the French marque's impressive range of diesels.

Cabin quality is a major advance on the previous car, too, and the Megane comes with lots of standard equipment to challenge premium contenders – but none can match that clever glass roof.

Steve Loader

Rolling back the DS style

LIKE the rival Fiat 500C, Citroën's lively DS Cabrio – launched this year – is not a true convertible.

Instead, the roof simply rolls back electrically rather than folding fully, but this has several positives.

Firstly, by avoiding substantial and weighty re-engineering and strengthening needed after a full roof-crop, the Cabrio retains the verve, practicality and style of its hatchback sister.

Without the need to retract a full-fabric roof, boot space is not compromised much, either – it's the biggest in its class – and decent cabin space allows it to be the sector's only five-seater convertible.

The second big bonus is the aerodynamic

properties of the roll-back roof mean it can be opened and closed at up to 75mph, and the cabin is a refined place if you want to drive open-top. On the other hand, you can ape the full convertible wind-in-the-hair experience by simply opening the windows.

Thirdly, the DS3 Cabrio is just 25 kilos heavier than its hatchback sister, with similar rigidity, thereby causing little harm to the standard DS3's blend of responsive cornering without a jarring ride.

The Cabrio also retains the smart upmarket DS dashboard, fixtures and fittings, plus the high level of customisation options.

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OR **Mary Guarnieri, Matron 01843 234252**

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd, The Spencer Private Hospital, 2nd Floor, Atina House, Bench Street, Dover, Kent CT16 1JH

Telephone: **01304 245951** | Fax: **01304 207320** | E-mail: jo.edwards@spencerhospitals.com

Alternatively you can download an application form and job description from our website www.spencerprivatehospitals.com

Closing date for applications 26th July 2013

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A degree in Psychology or Business Management with a strong interest in workplace Human Resources. Alternatively a college leaver with high level secretarial qualifications and with aspirations to move into an HR career would be considered.

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Please contact Lisa Ducker on 01530 562369 or email lisa.ducker@ashfieldin2focus.com

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The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff:

Ward Manager (Margate)

37.5 hours per week

Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level - Minimum 5 years post registration - Experience at Ward Sister level, Evidence of continual professional development, Teaching and Assessing Course or equivalent Degree desirable

To discuss this opportunity and benefits or to arrange an informal visit, please contact

Mary Guarnieri – Matron/CSM on 01843 234252 or**Vicky Smith (Clinical Effectiveness Co-ordinator) 01843 234555 ext 62207**

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards**East Kent Medical Services Ltd****The Spencer Private Hospital, 2nd Floor, Atina House, Bench Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1JH**Telephone: 01304 245951 Fax: 01304 207320 E-mail: jo.edwards@spencerhospitals.comAlternatively you can download an application form and job description from our website www.spencerprivatehospitals.com

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You will be dealing with lots of different people and a range of tasks over the telephone. Excellent communication skills and ability to absorb and assess information quickly is essential. You will also need good IT and numeracy skills and the ability to understand and interpret legislation. If you want to be a part of Shepway District Council's drive to improve its service to customers this could be the opportunity for you.

Please contact Joanne Ibrahim, Senior Contact Centre Officer on 01303 853607 for an informal discussion.

Closing deadline is noon on 22nd July 2013

For further details please visit
www.shepway.gov.uk**To advertise in this section****01303 817056****The Foreland School**

T: 01843 863 891

Headteacher – Nick Howard

Lanthorne Road, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 3NX

The Foreland School is a Day Special School for pupils with Profound, Severe and Complex Needs (PSCN), many of whom also have Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Due to rising pupil numbers we now have the following vacancies for September start:-

Teaching Assistants and Supply Teaching Assistants

Full time Teaching Assistants and Casual Supply Teaching Assistants are required in all departments of the school (age range 4 - 19years). Full time positions are for 30.75 hours per week, 39 weeks per year (Term time plus 5 days INSET). Casual Supply positions are for work on an 'as and when required' basis. Candidates will be expected to meet our minimum qualification criteria, and demonstrate flexibility to work across all age ranges of the school.

Lunchtime Servery Assistants – 12.5 hours per week, term time plus 5 deep cleaning days

Lunchtime Servery Assistants required for 12.5 hours per week Monday to Friday during term time, plus 5 additional training/deep cleaning days as required. Candidates will ideally have some previous experience of working in a food service or food handling environment, and either hold a CIEH Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate or be prepared to undertake necessary training and study.

Midday Meals Assistants – up to 10 hours per week, term time only

Midday Meals Assistants are required to work cooperatively with Teachers and class teams to meet the learning, social and care needs of pupils during the lunch time period. Hours of work are approximately 11:45am to 1:45pm Monday to Friday during term time plus up to 5 additional training days as required.

Administrative Assistant – Part time, term time only

Applications are invited to join our hard working and experienced administration team. Candidates will have the ability to work as part of a team, meet set deadlines, have a good sense of humour, be adaptable and have the ability to multi-task. Excellent interpersonal skills, calmness under pressure, a professional approach and absolute confidentiality are essential requirements for this position.

Further information about the school and details of all positions (including closing dates, Job Descriptions and the application process) are available at www.kent-teach.com Applications for all positions **WILL ONLY** be accepted on a KCC Support Staff Application form, which is available to download via the website.**In accordance with our commitment to safeguarding the wellbeing of our pupils ALL shortlisted candidates will be subject to an Enhanced Data and Barring Service check.****Career opportunities at MidKent College**

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Curriculum Access Support Team Tutor/Assessor Ref P043**£29,314 depending upon qualifications and experience**
Medway/Maidstone Campus

A fantastic opportunity has arisen to play a key role in supporting students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

The Faculty for Learning Support is seeking to appoint a Tutor/Assessor to plan, advise upon and deliver support to students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. The candidate should have experience and sound up to date knowledge of assessing and supporting students as well as knowledge and experience of supporting students on the autistic spectrum. The successful candidate will need to be innovative and proactive with the ability to work on their own initiative as well as part of a team. The position requires flexibility, enthusiasm and resilience and most importantly a commitment to support the delivery and achievement of students with autism across college.

• The successful candidate must hold a JQ recognised qualification e.g. Level 5 Cert. in Teaching Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties or the Certificate in Competence in Educational Testing.

• Additional qualifications in one or more areas of learning difficulties and/or disability or working toward. A specialism relating to Autism/ASD is preferred.

• Teaching qualification or willingness to work towards teaching qualification e.g. PTLLS.

The college is a friendly environment, which offers excellent support, placing strong emphasis on continuous professional development.

This post will involve working 37 hours per week and will be cross site role.

To apply for this role please contact job.applications@midkent.ac.ukMidKent College and RBL Employment Solutions are working in partnership to support disabled applicants. For assistance please contact RBL on 0800783114 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk. To apply please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk for an application form.

The College is committed to safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults therefore any offer of employment will be subject to a CRB check.

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Managing Director requires a P.A. to assist in the operation and development of two existing trading companies. Working within the Health and Social care sector

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Steve on 07710 145 802



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Public Notice

14 July 2013



Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123(2A) (as inserted by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980)

Proposed disposal of land adjacent to 64 Warwick Road, Canterbury, which is designated as public open space

Canterbury City Council hereby gives notice of their intention to dispose of land designated as public open space, being 0.007 ha of land adjacent to the car parking area at 64 Warwick Road, Canterbury for the construction of eight affordable flats for older people.

A plan showing the above area may be inspected at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays.

Anyone wishing to make objections to the proposed disposal of land should make them in writing to Tricia Marshall, Director of Resources, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW so as to arrive not later than **9am on Monday 12 August 2013**.

Colin Carmichael, Chief Executive

Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/13/0576/N - HM PRISON, EAST SUTTON PARK, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DF - An application for listed building consent for the introduction of 2No. aerial antennae to 2No. chimneys on the roof of HMP East Sutton Park as shown on the site location plan, block plan, un-numbered photographs and system schematic reference ESP3 received 4th April 2013, supported by a design and access statement received 14th May 2013. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1073/S - 1 HALF YOKE HOUSE, HALF YOKE, FARLEIGH LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9NA - Conversion of outbuilding to a residential annexe. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1078/S - 1, CLIFF COTTAGES, CLIFF HILL, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4NQ - Listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side extension to include rear balcony and loft conversion. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1079/N - GREEN HILL HOUSE, GREEN HILL, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RR - Conversion of barn to create annexe accommodation ancillary to main dwellinghouse. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/13/1080/N - GREEN HILL HOUSE, GREEN HILL, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RR - An application for listed building consent for the conversion of barn to create annexe accommodation ancillary to main dwellinghouse. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1096/S - CHURCH FARM HOUSE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AG - Planning permission for a replacement extension and related alterations and other internal alterations to single family dwelling as shown on drawing no.s 2025 12 and 2025 13. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1097/S - CHURCH FARM HOUSE, MAIDSTONE ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AG - Listed Building Consent for a replacement extension and related alterations and other internal alterations to single family dwelling as shown on drawing no.s 2025 12 and 2025 13. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1100/S - CHARLTON COURT, EAST SUTTON HILL, EAST SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DG - Erection of a single storey extension to northern elevation. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1101/S - CHARLTON COURT, EAST SUTTON HILL, EAST SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DG - Erection of a single storey extension to northern elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1105/S - NAKED FOODS LIMITED, SMARDEN ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9TA - Demolition of existing commercial buildings, formation of estate road and erection of 14 detached and semi-detached houses with detached and attached garage buildings with associated landscaping and flood mitigation works. **Reason: 6**

MA/13/1115/S - 6, RUMWOOD COURT, SUTTON ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3NN - Listed building consent for the removal of existing partition wall. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1117/N - THROWLEY HOUSE, 10, WEST STREET, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, ME17 1JD - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two storey six bedroom dwelling with integral garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1128/S - BELL HOTEL, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AY - An application for Conservation Area Consent for works to facilitate the conversion of the public house to 4No. residential units including the demolition of a single storey extension. **Reason: 4**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **28th July 2013**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 14th July 2013.



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DOV/13/00509	Erection of a single storey side extension Ellinge House, Everden, Alkham, Nr Dover, CT15 7EG	ARW
DOV/13/00491	Retrospective application for the change of use of land for the holding of car boot fairs E R Elgar & Sons, Barville Farm, Barville Road, Tilmanstone, CT15 5BQ	ARW
DOV/13/00345	Refurbishment of servery area to include 1no. new opening and enlargement of 2no. existing openings to internal wall Part of Main Restaurant, Building 036, Duke of York Royal Military School, Deal Road, Guston, Dover, CT15 5EQ LBC	ARW
DOV/13/00405	Ground based photovoltaic solar farm, access and associated works Home Farmhouse, Knowlton, Goodnestone, Canterbury, CT3 1PT	RMLB
DOV/13/00460	Creation of vehicular access and hardstanding Bay Hill House, The Droveaway, St. Margaret's Bay, Dover, CT15 6DJ	CON
DOV/13/00525	Outline application for the erection of a dwelling Site Adjoining Chillenden House, Chillenden, Canterbury, CT3 1PS	SLC
DOV/13/00522	Erection of 16 dwellings, cycle and bin stores, construction of access road and vehicular access, associated car parking and landscaping Bede and Dunstan Houses, College Road, Deal, CT14 6DA	MAJ
DOV/13/00528	Variation of condition 13 of planning permission DOV/09/00873 to allow opening from 6am to 11pm up to 10 times a year Community Centre, 28 Golf Road and, Deal	MAJ
DOV/13/00530	Outline application for residential development Land adjoining Strathfleet, Victoria Road, Kingsdown, Deal, CT14 8DY	ARW
DOV/13/00356	Erection of a single storey rear extension Gulston Barn, Durlock Road, Ash, Sandwich, CT3 2HT	CON
DOV/13/00512	Change of use to psychotherapy and well being clinic 2 George Alley, Deal, CT14 6EJ	CON
DOV/13/00520	Conversion of outbuilding to holiday let and erection of pitched roof 31 High Street, Wingham, Canterbury, CT3 1AB	LCN

Reason for Advert Codes:-

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| ARW - Affects a Public Right of Way | CON - Within Conservation Area |
| LCN - Listed Building in a Conservation Area | MAJ - Major Development |
| RMLB - proposal is a major development, affects the setting of a listed building and affects a public right of way | |
| SLC - To affect setting of a Listed Building & Conservation Area | |
| LBC - The proposal affects a Listed Building | |

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

**KCC/AS/0203/2013 - Proposed development at
The John Wesley C of E Methodist Primary School,
Wesley School Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 5LW**

Kent County Council Property & Infrastructure Support is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for an 8 classroom 2 storey extension with link at ground floor and bridge link at first floor to existing school. Accommodation to comprise 8 classrooms, offices, toilets and ancillary store rooms, stairs and lift. A single storey extension to enlarge existing hall with PE store and toilets. The provision of 5 additional parking spaces. Additional hard playground space 150sqm. The removal of 3 no. road traffic width restrictions to improve vehicular access under a S278 agreement. Convert a small grassed area to hard play area 23 sqm. The development site is in close proximity to, and may affect a public right of way.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

**KCC/TH/0199/2013 - Proposed development at
Manston Road Depot, Manston Road, Margate,
Kent, CT9 4LX**

Thanet District Council is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the development of a waste sorting and transfer building and the extension of the office and workshop building.

You may view this application at Thanet District Council, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 14 July 2013



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 29 JULY 2013

SW/13/0594:
Listed Building Consent to reinstate a side access gate - 8 Davington Cottages, Davington Hill, FAVERSHAM; REASON 2

SW/13/0754:
Listed Building Consent for demolition of existing outdoor privies to rear of property - Forge House and Barrow House, The Street, BORDEN; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/13/0785:
Variation of condition 4 to replace requirement for cast iron gutters with plastic Victorian style guttering - 6 Briton Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/13/0802:
Variation of Condition 9 of SW/08/0717 to enable the recording studio to be used for 40% of the operating hours - Kaleidoscope, Keystun, Ruins Barn Road, TUNSTALL; REASON 3

SW/13/0804:
Domestic side extension - 2 Bradbourne Cottages, Denstroude Lane, DUNKIRK; REASON 4

SW/13/0814:
Listed Building Consent for installing a biomass boiler - Rhode Court Barn, Selling Road, SELLING; REASON 2

SW/13/0817:
Proposed new railings and gate to 3 Edith Road. Proposed rear extensions to 3 and 5 Edith Road - 3 & 5 Edith Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/13/0826 & SW/13/0827:
Proposed single storey swim/spa annexe - Thatch Cottage, Wises Lane, BORDEN; REASON 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

Planning applications



Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/13/01015/FUL: 69 71 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AY Conversion of existing first-floor unit to self contained one bedroom flat.
Applicant: Mr M Malone Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01126/FUL: Herne Bay Bowling Club, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QL Installation of 16 Solar Panels on the roof of Herne Bay Bowling Club. **Applicant: Herne Bay Bowling Club** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01193/FUL: 172 174 Mortimer Street, Herne Bay Erection of two one bedroom self contained units and five two bedroom self contained units. **Applicant: W H Properties** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01210/FUL: 114A High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5UY Conversion of existing first-floor flat into two flats with associated external alterations.
Applicant: Mr John Cummings Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01232/FUL: Sixby, 6B Tankerton Road, Whitstable, CT5 2AB Erection of a detached garage. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Sims** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01238/FUL: Hardres Court Farm, Hardres Court Road, Upper Hardres Erection of single suckler covered yard and fodder store.
Applicant: Mrs McDonald Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01248/FUL: Hardres Court Farm, Hardres Court Road, Upper Hardres Youngstock covered yard and fodder store.
Applicant: Mrs McDonald Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01256/FUL: Plum Cottage, Rectory Lane, Barham, CT4 6PD Extension and alterations to side and rear. **Applicant: Ms Ovenden** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01258/FUL: The Spitfire Cricket Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NZ Proposed erection of repeater screen.
Applicant: Kent County Cricket Club Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01263/FUL: 129 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8EQ Proposed two storey rear extension (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mrs Clark** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01266/FUL: St John Ambulance, St Marys Court, Church Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2PP Redevelopment to accommodate two 2.5-storey three-bedroom townhouses with parking to rear and a three storey block accommodating eight one-bedroom apartments.
Applicant: St John Ambulance and Astindale Canterbury Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01273/CAC: St John Ambulance, St Marys Court, Church Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2PP Demolition of existing building to facilitate redevelopment to accommodate two 2.5-storey three-bedroom townhouses with parking to rear and a three-storey block accommodating eight one-bedroom apartments. **Applicant: St John Ambulance and Astindale Canterbury Ltd** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 5 August 2013**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

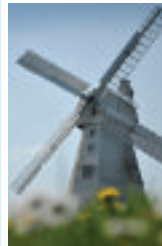
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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT AND CHIEF CONSTABLE OF KENT

Audit of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2013 Public Inspection of Accounts and Right of Challenge Audit Commission Act 1998, sections 15-16 Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 sections 9, 10, 21, 22 & 24

The accounts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent and the Chief Constable of Kent are subject to external audit by Miss D. Hanson, Ernst & Young LLP, 400 Capability Green, Luton, LU1 3LU (Telephone 01582 643008). Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From Tuesday 30th July to Tuesday 27th August (inclusive) between 10am and 4pm (Monday to Friday) any person interested may inspect and make copies of the draft accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent and the Chief Constable of Kent for the year ended 31 March 2013 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts). The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept. Any alternative arrangement would need to be agreed in advance. Application should be made initially to Mr P. Curtis, Acting Chief Finance Officer to the Chief Constable, Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 9BZ, Tel: 01622 652758.
2. From 10am on 28th August until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of Kent, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor, Miss Hanson, at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. Questions may be received by Mr S. Nolan, Chief Finance Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, First Floor, Gail House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 6NB, (Telephone 01622 677055) or Mr P. Curtis, Acting Chief Finance Officer of the Chief Constable, Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 9BZ, (Tel: 01622 652758) by prior arrangement with the auditor, Miss D. Hanson, at the address given above to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed.
4. From 10am on 28th August until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of Kent, or his/her representative, may object to the accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor, Miss D. Hanson, at the address given above and copied to Mr S. Nolan and Mr P. Curtis at the addresses given above.
5. No objection may be made unless the auditor, Miss D. Hanson, at the address given above has previously received notice in writing of the proposed objection and its grounds. Copies of this notice must be sent to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent care of Mr S. Nolan and Chief Constable of Kent care of Mr P. Curtis at the addresses given above.

Dated: 15th July 2013

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent
First Floor, Gail House,
Lower Stone Street,
Maidstone, Kent.
ME15 6NB

Mr Sean Nolan
Chief Finance Officer of the
Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent Police
Telephone 01622 677055

Kent Police
Headquarters,
Sutton Road,
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ME15 9BZ

Mr Paul Curtis
Chief Finance Officer of the
Chief Constable of Kent
Telephone 01622 652758



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0661/SH - Tamarisk Old Road Elham Canterbury Kent - Removal of lower branches on west side of 2 Beech trees situated within a conservation area.

Y13/0646/SH# - The Royal British Legion Park Street Lydd Romney Marsh Kent - Outline application for erection of pair of semi-detached two-storey dwellings fronting Park Street and detached two-storey dwelling fronting High Street with associated accesses, following demolition of existing club hall.

Y13/0703/SH - New Road Elham Kent - Felling of 1 x Sycamore Tree the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 1955.

Y13/0322/SH+ - Land adjacent to Sainsburys 19 Military Road Hythe Kent CT21 5AS - Erection of a memorial statue.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/01815/HOUSE 6B Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater
- Two storey extension and garage conversion (CA)

13/01752/FUL 66 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Variation of condition 3 of TW/11/01544 - new window and doors to be upvc (works commenced) (CA)

13/01792/HOUSE 9 Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Extension of time - Removal of single storey side and rear extensions and construction of a two storey side and rear extension and conservatory. Refurbishment/replacement of all windows. Removal of pine tree (T3) in rear garden (TW/11/00082 refers) (CA)

13/01790/HOUSE Gills Green Barn Wellington Road, Hawkhurst
- Detached garage (LB)

13/01904/FUL St Ronans School Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Replacement chapel link and restoration of adjacent bin area to become a garden of remembrance for Alumni (LB)

13/01807/LBC St Ronans School Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed building consent - replacement chapel link and restoration of adjacent bin area to become a garden of remembrance for Alumni (LB)

13/01908/FUL St Ronans School Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Turn around existing front door to facilitate means of escape and disabled access (LB)

13/01811/LBC St Ronans School Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Turn around existing front door to facilitate means of escape and disabled access (LB)

13/01816/LBC Holmans Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed building consent - conversion to french doors from casement windows in south elevation (LB)

13/01834/HOUSE The Tanhouse Town Hill, Lamberhurst
- Garden room (LB)

13/01827/LBC Hawthorns Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood
- Listed building consent - replacement of 7 wooden georgian windows (works already completed) (LB)

13/01787/LBC 3 Berkeley Place Berkeley Road, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to granny annexe and lower ground floor, including formation of bathroom (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA)
Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 13 July 2013

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice

14 July 2013



Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 15 of the above Regulations that the total sum paid by the authority in accordance with the Canterbury City Council Councillors Allowances Scheme, to each Member of the Council as a basic, special responsibility, travel and subsistence and PC allowance during the 2012/13 financial year is listed below:

Councillors allowances and expenses paid 12 months ended 31 March 2013								
Name	Car allowances inc mileage	Travel and subsistence	Basic allowances	Special responsibility allowances	National insurance	Mobile phones	PC allowances	Total pay
Austin, A M		520.20	4,757.04	905.00	65.14	48.71	180.00	6,476.09
Baker, N			4,757.04	4,104.00	283.70	159.79		9,304.53
Baldock, A			4,757.04	233.96				4,991.00
Bellamy, J			4,757.04					4,757.04
Bissett, E	373.75		4,757.04				45.00	5,175.79
Bright, R			4,757.04	151.00			180.00	5,088.04
Byford, S			4,757.04					4,757.04
Cartwright, P			4,757.04					4,757.04
Clark, A	488.15	1.65	4,757.04					5,246.84
Cook, A	1,211.60	18.29	4,757.04	5,475.00	454.95		180.00	12,096.88
Cook, S	9.45		4,757.04	4,570.00	318.09			9,654.58
Cragg, R H			4,757.04	756.50	44.64		180.00	5,738.18
Dixey, M	98.80		4,757.04	779.78			180.00	5,815.62
Doyle, R E	1,480.05	289.64	4,757.04	5,475.00	466.35	195.40	180.00	12,843.48
Eden-Green, N	371.80	15.80	4,757.04				180.00	5,324.64
Edwards, J			4,757.04					4,757.04
Ellis, D J			4,757.04	5,475.00	378.68			10,610.72
Fitter, B			2,510.66					2,510.66
Flaherty, R	1,064.70	470.64	4,757.04				180.00	6,472.38
Flanagan, J D			4,757.04					4,757.04
Gilbey, J W G	2,408.90	343.02	4,757.04	22,583.17	2,866.73	640.27	180.00	33,779.13
Glover, G	447.20		4,757.04					5,204.24
Harrison, J H	489.44	65.40	4,757.04	4,576.50	293.96	48.00	180.00	10,410.34
Hirst, D			4,757.04					4,757.04
Howes, J			4,757.04	4,570.00	317.68	142.40		9,787.12
Law, J P	1,476.80	57.70	4,757.04	9,273.18	990.36	515.77	180.00	17,250.85
Lee, P J		313.30	4,757.04	5,475.00	403.52		180.00	11,128.86
Linfield, I A	294.45		4,757.04				180.00	5,231.49
MacCaul, C V			4,757.04				180.00	4,937.04
McCabe, H E	94.25		1,368.29		19.47			1,482.01
Oakey, W	731.90		4,757.04	4,110.70	221.45			9,821.09
O'Dea, A	269.10	187.52	4,757.04	3,971.00	221.13			9,405.79
Perkins, A R			4,757.04	5,746.54	441.00		180.00	11,124.58
Reuby, G A	602.55		4,757.04	151.00			180.00	5,690.59
Samper, J	772.20		4,757.04	3,648.00	184.14	48.00	180.00	9,589.38
Sharp, M J			4,757.04	913.50				5,670.54
Sonnex, S A	466.05		4,757.04	913.50	15.84		180.00	6,332.43
Staley, B	82.55		4,757.04				180.00	5,019.59
Taylor, E A	580.98		4,757.04	905.00	67.26		180.00	6,490.28
Taylor, H			4,757.04	151.00	125.77		180.00	5,213.81
Thomas, J I			4,757.04		33.44	48.19	180.00	5,018.67
Thomas, R			4,757.04	701.50				5,458.54
Todd, P A			4,757.04	913.50			180.00	5,850.54
Vickers, P J	171.60	55.40	4,757.04	151.00			180.00	5,315.04
Vickery-Jones, P D	2,047.50	144.13	4,757.04	5,475.00	490.45	357.19	180.00	13,451.31
Waters, R			4,757.04		272.98			5,030.02
Westgate, T			4,757.04					4,757.04
Williams, S			4,757.04					4,757.04
Windsor, C L	382.20		3,785.17	151.00			143.23	4,461.60
Wood, G			4,757.04					4,757.04
Wratten, J H	560.30		4,757.04	350.50			180.00	5,847.84
Co-optees								
Brown, K				456.30				456.30
Gottschalk, P				1,372.00				1,372.00
Lennard, P				457.00				457.00
Total members allowances	16,976.57	2,482.39	236,002.04	104,941.13	8,976.73	2,203.72	4,868.23	376,450.81

Tricia Marshall
Director of Resources
Canterbury City Council
Military Road, CANTERBURY CT1 1YW

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003

An application has been made by: **The Mini Bar** for the premises Fuggles Beer Café, 28 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2AP

On the date of: **09/07/13**

Summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:

Provision of film: 1100-2300
Provision of indoor sporting events: 1100-2300
Provision of live music: 1100-2200
Provision of recorded music: 1100-2330
Provision of performances of dance: 1100-2300
Supply of alcohol: 1100-2300 (2230 on Sunday)

Hours of opening:
Mon-Sat: 1100-2300 (+30 min drinking up time)
Sun: 1200-2230 (+30 min drinking up time)

Any person wishing to view details of an application may contact the Licensing Partnership on 01732 227004

Any person wishing to make representation about the application should make them in writing on or before the: 07/08/13

Licensing Partnership, PO BOX 182, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1GP
licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk
http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-licensing

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the European Union Public Sector Procurement Rules, Snodland Town Council give notice that they are seeking suitable building contractors to tender for the erection and completion of two building extensions to be constructed at the Community Centre at Potyns Field, Paddlesworth Road, Snodland, Kent, ME6 5DL during the autumn of this year

If you wish your company to be considered for this project please request an information pack and questionnaire from Mrs Karen Sowten, Chief Executive, e-mail address, enquiries@snodlandcouncil.co.uk. No applicants will be considered after the expiration of 14 days from the date of this advertisement.

By order of Snodland Town Council, Council Offices, Devonshire Rooms, Waghorn Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5BQ.

Mary Helen Bennett
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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS – ASHFORD AREA

BROOKFIELD ROAD, ASHFORD & CHART ROAD, GREAT CHART (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on sections of B2229 Brookfield Road, Ashford and Chart Road, Great Chart, from 18 July 2013, as follows.

The A28 roundabout (locally known as Matalan Roundabout) will be closed in 2 halves. As a result, Chart Road and Brookfield Road will both be closed at their junctions with the roundabout.

The A28 will remain open to through traffic, with traffic controlled by temporary traffic lights.

CHART ROAD, GREAT CHART closed from the roundabout to the junction with Ninn Lane.

The alternative route is via A28 Great Chart Bypass, Ashford Road, The Street and Chart Road

BROOKFIELD ROAD, ASHFORD closed from the roundabout to the junction with Leacon Road

The alternative route is via A28 Great Chart Bypass, Tithe Barn Lane, Knoll Lane and Brookfield Road

Works are planned for the evenings of 18 & 19 July and 22 & 23 July 2013, between 20:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

WHITE HILL, BOUGHTON ALUPH, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to replace telegraph poles, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of White Hill, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, as follows.

White Hill will be closed to through traffic between the junction with the A28 and 'White Ladies'. Access will remain from A251 Faversham Road to the point of closure.

The closure is planned to commence from 16 July 2013 for up to 3 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

The alternative route is via A28 Canterbury Road, A2042 Faversham Road and A251 Faversham Road.

HIGHWAYS – CANTERBURY AREA

A257 CANTERBURY ROAD, BRAMLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of A257 Canterbury Road, Bramling, Canterbury, as follows.

A257 Canterbury Road will be closed between Littlebourne and Wingham, with no direct access between Canterbury and Sandwich.

The actual closure is from the junction with Bramling Road eastwards for approximately 150 metres.

The closure is planned to commence from Sunday 4 August 2013 at 16:00 hours through until 02:00 hours.

The alternative route is via A257 Canterbury Road, Littlebourne Road, St. Martin's Hill, Longport, Lower Chantry Lane, A2050 New Dover Road, Roman Road, A2 Dover Road, B2046 Adisham Road and A257 Canterbury Road.

Bramling Road and Wingham Well Lane will both be closed at their junctions with the A257, but with access remaining from the other end of each road.

DEANSWAY AVENUE, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Deansway Avenue, Sturry, as follows.

Deansway Avenue, Sturry will be closed at the junction with A291 Sturry Hill / Herne Bay Road.

The closure is planned to commence from 29 July 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via A291 Herne Bay Road, Popes Lane and the other junction of Deansway Avenue.

The closure is in conjunction with temporary traffic lights on the A291.

KEMP ROAD & BURNAN ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through

traffic on parts of Kemp Road and Burnan Road, Whitstable, as follows.

Kemp Road and Burnan Road, Whitstable will, in turn, be closed in the vicinity of their junctions with Herne Bay Road, as shown below.

Access will remain to the remainder of each road from Swalecliffe Road.

KEMP ROAD, WHITSTABLE will be closed from 29 July 2013 for up to 3 weeks

The alternative route for through traffic is via Herne Bay Road, Kemp Road and Swalecliffe Road.

BURNAN ROAD, WHITSTABLE will be closed from 19 August 2013 for up to 3 weeks

The alternative route for through traffic is via Herne Bay Road, Burnan Road and Swalecliffe Road

The date of the Burnan Road closure is approximate, subject to progress with Kemp Road, and may be brought forward by up to one week. The exact date will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

ST. STEPHEN'S HILL, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of ducting and cabling works to provide a new electricity supply for the university, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on sections of St. Stephen's Hill, St Stephen's Road and Hales Drive, Canterbury, as follows.

St. Stephen's Hill (part of which is signposted St Stephen's Green) will be closed between the roundabout where it meets Beaconsfield Road and the junction with Stablegate Mews.

There will be no direct access between Canterbury and Tyler Hill using this route.

The closure is planned to commence from 29 July 2013 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Works will progress in a northerly direction, starting with a small section of B2248 St Stephen's Road between Stablegate Mews and Hales Drive.

The junction of Hales Drive will initially be closed at the junction with St Stephen's Road / Hill whilst works are carried out across the junction, and then re-opened once works have passed this point.

The alternative route is via St Stephen's Road, North Lane, St A290 Dunstan's Street, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road and St Stephen's Hill.

HIGHWAYS – DARTFORD AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (BOROUGH OF DARTFORD) (VARIOUS TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2012

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 82 (2), 83 (2), and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, propose to make an Order to:-

1. Revoke the existing derestricted speed limit on Green Street Green Road / Trolling Down Hill between the junctions of Orbital One and Gore Road, which will be replaced with a new 50mph speed limit covering the same extents.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plan, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, 4 Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Paul Thrower, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk, quoting the title of the Order by noon on 9th August 2013.

HIGHWAYS – DOVER AREA

COLD BLOW LEVEL CROSSING, COLDBLOW, WALMER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cold Blow Level Crossing, as follows.

Coldblow, Walmer, Deal will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The closure is planned to commence from Saturday 3 August at 00:35 hours through until Sunday 4 August at 04:50 hours.

The alternative route is via Ripple Road, A258 Dover Road and Station Road.

COLDRED ROAD, EYTHORNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Coldred Road, Eythorne, Dover, as follows.

Coldred Road will be closed between the junction with Great Haynes and the roundabout at Eythorne, with no direct access to Eythorne from the A2.

The closure is planned to commence from 15 July 2013 for up to 2 weeks.

The alternative route is via Great Haynes, Mill Lane, Shepherdswell Road, Shooters Hill and Chapel Hill.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads throughout the Dover area, as follows. The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

COOMBE LANE, WOODNESBOROUGH closed between Marshborough Road and Moat Lane

Wednesday 24 July 2013 for 3 days

Alternative route Marshborough Road, New Street, The Street and Moat Lane

WEST STREET, DEAL closed between Duke Street and Western Road

Wednesday 31 July 2013 for 3 days

Alternative route via Western Road, Albert Road, A258 London Road and West Street

GOLF ROAD, DEAL closed between Ark Lane and Harold Road

Monday 5 August 2013 for 2 weeks

Alternative route via Harold Road, The Marina, Beach Street, Broad Street, Queen Street, West Street and Western Road

WESTERN ROAD, DEAL closed between West Street and Ark Lane

Monday 19 August 2013 for 4 days

Alternative route via Golf Road, Harold Road, The Marina, Beach Street, A258 Broad Street, Queen Street, West Street

WINANT WAY, DOVER closed at the junction with Green Lane

Tuesday 27 August 2013 for 2 days

Alternative route via Green Lane and Roosevelt Road

ROOSEVELT ROAD, DOVER closed at the junction with junction Buckland Close

Thursday 29 August 2013 for 2 days

Alternative route Green Lane and Winant Way

LIVERPOOL ROAD, WALMER closed between Alexandra Road and Archery Square

Wednesday 4 September 2013 for 3 days

Alternative route via Warwick Road, A258 Dover Road and Archery Square

Due to the nature of these works, it will not be possible to re-open the roads outside normal working hours.

VARIOUS ROADS, RURAL DOVER (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the rural part of the Dover area, on or after 16 July 2013, as shown below.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as follows.

Closures will be between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day, with roads otherwise re-opened.

SPINNEY LANE, AYLESHAM – closed between Cooting Road and Ackholt Road

16 & 17 July 2013

Alternative route via Cooting Road, Adisham Road, Ratling Road and Ackholt Road

FINGLESHAM ROAD / THE STREET, NORTHBOURNE – closed between Broad Lane and West Street

18 July 2013

Alternative route via Broad Lane, Northbourne Road and West Street

CHURCH HILL, SUTTON – closed between Forge Lane and Northbourne Road

19 July 2013

Alternative route via Downs Road, Roman Road, Abbey Top, Vicarage Farm Road and Forge Lane

MILL ROAD, WINGHAM – closed between Watercress Lane and Canterbury Road

22 July 2013

Alternative route via Wingham Well Lane and Canterbury Road

GROVE ROAD, PRESTON – closed between Grove Ferry Road and Stourmouth Road

23–25 July 2013

Alternative route via Stourmouth Road, Preston Road, The Street, Gore Street, A253 Ramsgate Road, A28 Island Road, Grove Ferry Road and Grove Road

These works are weather dependent, and adverse conditions may prevent some works going ahead on the dates shown. For any that are postponed, revised dates will be notified locally and signposted on site.

Certain roads may need a brief repeat closure 1-2 weeks after the closures shown above, to allow for replacement of lining, with closures notified by signage on site.

HIGHWAYS – GRAVESHAM AREA

RED STREET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Burst Water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Red Street, Southfleet on or after 20th July 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of New Barn Road.

The alternative route is via New Barn Road, Station road, Dale Road, Hook Green Road Whitehill Road Main Road and New Barn.

VERNON ROAD SWANSCOMBE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of New electrical service supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Vernon Road Swanscombe, on or after 30th July 2013 between the hours of 08.00 and 14.00 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the rear of the Morning Stat Public House.

There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Vernon Road, Sun Road, Swanscombe Street and Church Road.

WHITEHILL ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whitehill Road, on or after 1st August 2013 for up to 1 day between the hours of 09.30 and 1530 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Cheyne Walk south for 320 meters.

The alternative route is via Foxendown Lane, Brimstone Hill, Prestwood Road, Heron Hill Lane, South Street (A227) and The Street.

HIGHWAYS – MAIDSTONE AREA

PAGEHURST ROAD, STAPLEHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new telegraph pole and cabling, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pagehurst Road, Staplehurst, on or after 1 August 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

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HIGHWAYS

The road will be closed from Five Ash Lane to Park Road. The alternative route is via Five Ash Lane, Five Oak Lane, Wilden Park Road, Marden Thorn.

SUMMERHILL ROAD, MARDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a new electrical supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Summerhill Road, Marden, on or after 29 July 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A229 Staplehurst Road to Little Branden.

The alternative route is via Summerhill Road, Battle Lane, Underlyn Lane, A229 Staplehurst Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway patching works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Maidstone, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after **16th July 2013** for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

MAIDSTONE

GREEN LANE, CHART SUTTON – whole length 16th to 17th July 2013

Alternative route via Chart Hill Road, Maidstone Road, Headcom Road, Hawkenbury Road, New Barn Road, Babylon Lane, Forsham Lane

CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST – whole length **16th July 2013**

Alternative route via A229 Maidstone Road, George Street

PARK BARN ROAD, BROOMFIELD/KINGSWOOD – whole length

29th July to 2nd August 2013

Alternative route via Burberry Lane, Leeds Road, Ulcombe Road, Gravelly Bottom Road, Broomfield Road

HIGHWAYS – SEVENOAKS AREA

BITCHETT GREEN ROAD, SEAL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of replacement of damaged verge markers, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bitchett Green Road, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 30 July 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Pond Lane to Stone Street Road. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with .

The alternative route is via west along Stone Street Road, then South along Pond Lane.

CLINTON LANE, HEVER, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clinton Lane, Hever, Sevenoaks, on or after 29th July 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the railway bridge for 150m West. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: approaching from the east, the diversion route is west along B2027 Clinton Lane, then north along B2027 Bough Beech Road, then west along B2027 Four Elms Road, south along B2026 Station Road, B2026 Mont St Aignan Way and then east along Hever Road Edenbridge and Hever Road Hever. Approaching from the west the diversion is the same but in reverse.

EGGPIE LANE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of allowing BT safe access to replace a telegraph pole, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Eggpie Lane, Sevenoaks , on or after 2nd August 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Pond Cottage and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Eggpie Lane, Coppings Road, Scabharbour Road.

HONEYPOT LANE, KEMSING, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of enabling safe access/loading of vehicles required to replace the Kemsing Station footbridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Honeypot Lane, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, on or after 12th July 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Noahs Ark and Watery Lane. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Watery Lane, Heavenham Road, Noahs Ark.

PENSHURST ROAD, PENSHURST, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of installation of high friction surface, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Penshurst Road, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, on or after 29th July 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside a property named Eden View. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Penshurst Road, Rogues Hill, Penshurst Road, Haysden Lane, Ensfield Road, Penshurst Road, Moorden Lane and Penshurst Road and vice versa.

SHERNDEN LANE, EDENBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the replacement of electricity poles, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Shernden Lane, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 18th July 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Chiswell Farm to Christmas Place and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: not applicable as this is a no through road.

SPAREPENNY LANE, EYNSFORD, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sparepenny Lane, Eynsford, Sevenoaks, on or after 1st August 2013 for up to 7 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from High Street to Crockenhill Lane. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: approaching from the Southwest, the diversion route is south west along Sparepenny Lane, south east along Riverside, north east along A225 High Street, A225 Eynsford Road, then north west along High Street Farningham. Approaching from the north, the diversion is the same but in reverse.

HIGHWAYS – SHEPWAY AREA

A20 ASHFORD ROAD (STANFORD INTERSECTION), FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of A20 Ashford Road (Stanford Intersection), Folkestone, as follows.

A section of the southbound (Ashford-bound) carriageway of the A20 Ashford Road will be closed beyond the junction with A20 Ashford Road (towards Sandling and Saltwood) as far as the roundabout, just to the south.

There will be no direct access *from* Junction 11 (Stanford Intersection) and Stone Street *towards* Newingreen and Ashford.

Works are planned for the nights of Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd August 2013, between 19:30 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, Sandling Road, Ashford Road, Beachborough Roundabout, Bargrove, Blackhouse Hill, Lower Blackhouse Hill, Station Road, A259 Prospect Road, Rampart Road, Dymchurch Road, Scanlons Bridge, A261 London Road, Hythe Road and A20 Ashford Road, Newingreen.

Northbound / eastbound traffic from Newingreen towards Junction 11 / Stone Street is unaffected.

LOWER WALL ROAD, BURMARSH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Lower Wall Road, Burmarsh, as follows.

Lower Wall Road will be closed between the junctions with Donkey Street and Tame Lane.

The closure is planned to commence from 29 July 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Donkey Street, Thorndike Road, Church Road and Tame Lane.

HIGHWAYS – SWALE AREA

BORDEN LANE, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Borden Lane, Sittingbourne, as follows.

Borden Lane will be closed from the junction with A2 London Road to the vicinity of numbers 36-38.

The closure is planned to commence from 29 July 2013 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, Adelaide Drive and Borden Lane

COLD HARBOUR LANE, BOBBING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access to the overhead phone cable network for cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Cold Harbour Lane, Bobbing, as follows.

Cold Harbour Lane will be closed between the junctions with Rook Lane and Parsonage Lane.

The closure is planned to commence from 30 July 2013 for up to 2 days between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

The alternative route is via Cold Harbour Lane, Bobbing Hill, A2 Key Street Roundabout, Sheppey Way and Parsonage Lane.

HIGHWAYS – THANET AREA

CHURCH STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Church Street, Margate, as follows.

The one-way section of Church Street will be closed between the junctions with Arnold Road and Victoria Road.

The closure is planned to commence from 15 July 2013 for up to 3 days, and the road will remain closed throughout this period.

The alternative route is via Arnold Road, Cowper Road and Victoria Road.

The one-way Traffic Order in respect of Church Street between Arnold Road and Victoria Road will be suspended to allow very limited access where safe and possible.

The one-way Traffic Order in respect of Cowper Road between Victoria Road and Arnold Road will be suspended during these works, to allow for its use for

the diversion.

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on both sides of Cowper Road between Victoria Road and Arnold Road, to allow traffic to flow in both directions.

MONKTON ROAD, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of remedial works to carriageway block work to alleviate flooding outside the Heronsbrook development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Monkton Road, Minster, as follows.

Monkton Road, Minster will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Prospect Road.

The closure is planned to commence from Monday 29 July 2013 at 07:00 hours through until Friday 9 August at 17:00 hours inclusive.

The alternative route is via Monkton Road, Monkton Street, Willetts Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West and Tothill Street.

STAR LANE, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of junction modification works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Star Lane, Broadstairs, as follows.

Star Lane will be closed between the junctions with A254 Margate Road and Nash Road.

The closure is planned to commence from 15 July 2013 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via A254 Margate Road, A256 Haine Road, Star Lane Link and Star Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, THANET (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER AUGUST 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Thanet, as follows.

The roads affected, dates and times of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

B2052 HARTSDOWN ROAD, MARGATE closed at the junction with George V Avenue, with no access from George V Avenue into Hartsdown Road.

2 August 2013 – 19:00 hours to 00:00 hours (midnight)
The alternative routes for all through traffic are

Westbound via B2052 Hartsdown Road, Tivoli Road, Beatrice Road, College Road, A255 St Peter's Road, Ramsgate Road, A254 Queen's Avenue, Eaton Road, Belgrave Road, A28 Marine Terrace and Canterbury Road

Eastbound via A28 Canterbury Road, Marine Terrace, A254 Belgrave Road, Eaton Road, Grosvenor Gardens, High Street, A255 St Peters Road, B2052 College Road and Hartsdown Road

TOTHILL STREET, MINSTER closed between A299 Thanet Way and Monkton Road

Sunday 11 & Sunday 18 August 2013 – 09:00 hours to 17:00 hours

Alternative route via A299 Canterbury Road West, Willetts Hill and Monkton Road

SHALLOWS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS closed from the junction with Dane Court Road to St Peter's Footpath.

28 & 29 August 2013 – 09:30 hours to 15:30 hours

There is no alternative route as the road is a No Through Road; access will be maintained when safe to do so, but with times this is not possible due to the nature of the works.

HIGHWAYS – TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

BANK STREET, TONBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of it is necessary to install a new gas service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bank Street, Tonbridge, on or after 21

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July 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed. The one way order on Castle Street is suspended during the works to allow for access. The road will be closed outside number 6. The alternative route is via Castle Street.

BELL LANE, BURHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a sewer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bell Lane, Burham, on or after 29 July 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed. The road will be closed outside 25 & 27. The alternative route is via Court Road, Rochester Road.

PADDLESWORTH ROAD, SNODLAND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance to the drainage system, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Paddlesworth Road, Snodland, on or after 29 July 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Birling Road, Snodland Road, Stangate Road.

PARK ROAD, WEST PECKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Park Road, West Peckham, on or after 15 July 2013 for up to 14 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Hamptons Road to Pillar Box Lane.

The alternative route is via Hamptons Road, Oxenhoath Road, Park Road.

HIGHWAYS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

JARVIS LANE, GOUDHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and kerbing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Jarvis Lane, Goudhurst, on or after 15 July 2013 for up to 12 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Curtidsen Green Lane to Bethany School.

The alternative route is via Curtidsen Green Lane, Jarvis Lane.

LITTLE MOUNT SION (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new gas service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Little Mount Sion, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 15 July 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction of Claremont Road to Berkeley Road.

The alternative route is via Claremont Road, B2023 Mount Sion/High Street, Little Mount Sion.

SWATLANDS LEVEL CROSSING, LUCKS LANE, PADDOCK WOOD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance works to the track, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Swatlands Level Crossing, Lucks Lane, Paddock Wood, on or after 15 July 2013 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the level crossing.

The alternative route is via B2160 Maidstone Road, Wagon Lane, Queen Street, Lucks Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of highway improvement works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to restrict traffic on various roads, as shown below.

SCHEDULE

CRESCENT ROAD/CALVERLEY ROAD/LANSDOWNE ROAD – closed at their intersections (Carrs Corner roundabout)

4/11/18 August 2013

Alternative route for Crescent Road is via Mount Pleasant Road, Monson Road, Camden Road, Garden Road, for Calverley Road is via Prospect Road, Grove Hill Road, Mount Pleasant Road, for Lansdowne Road is via Garden Road, Camden Road, Monson Road, Mount Pleasant Road

CALVERLEY PARK GARDENS – closed at the junction with Calverley Road

4–18 August 2013

Alternative route is via Pembury Road, Calverley Road

LANSDOWNE ROAD – Prohibition of southbound traffic

4–18 August 2013

Alternative route is via Garden Road, Camden Road, Calverley Road

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Dated 14th July 2013

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AE648 AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE345

IN THE PARISHES OF SEVINGTON AND KINGSNORTH PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AE648 AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE345 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Bridleway AE648 between its junction with Waterbrook Avenue and its junction with Public Bridleway AW325 and Public Footpath AE345 between its junction with Public Bridleway AE648 and its junction with Public Footpath AE658, from the 8th July 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Faye Fairs

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Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

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Dated: 14th July 2013

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC297 (PART) SANDHURST)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

The above named Order made on 20 June 2013 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath WC297

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which commences at its junction with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC297 at NGR TQ 8019 2861 (Point A) and runs in a south through south westerly direction for 272 metres to its junction with the unaffected lengths of Public Footpaths WC297 and WC302 at NGR TQ 8014 2835 (Point B) and will add a new length of public Footpath WC297, with a width of 2.0 metres which commences at the previously mentioned point A at NGR TQ 8019 2861 and runs in an east north easterly through easterly direction for 137 metres to NGR TQ 8033 2864 (Point C), then south, south south westerly, thence west south westerly direction for 235 metres to NGR TQ 8025 2842 (Point D), thence south south westerly for 74 metres to its junction with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC302 at NGR TQ 8022 2836 (Point E). There will be a pedestrian gate at NGR TQ 8025 2842 (Point D) which will conform to BS 5709:2006. All directions are general, all distances are approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 2AB or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there at the price of £5.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Laura Wilkins at the Kent County Council (address as below) (Tel: 01622 221517) (email: laura.wilkins@kent.gov.uk) not later than 12 August 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

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GOLF



PRIZE: The famous Claret Jug is up for grabs

Tiley putting expectations aside at Open

STEVEN Tiley is playing down expectation when he flies the flag for Kent at The Open next week.

The 30-year-old is the only player from the county to qualify for the 142nd Open after storming through qualifying at Musselburgh earlier this month.

He shot rounds of 64 and 69 to win by three strokes on nine under par in the Final Local Qualifying for the tournament at Scotland's Muirfield, which takes place from July 14-21.

The Herne Bay golfer, who will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of Ernie Els and Darren Clarke, who won the tournament at Sandwich in 2011, said: "I'm not going to shout about the place about what I'm going to do, winning it or anything like that."

"I will just see what happens – that's what every sports person does. It's just another week, really."

Tiley first appeared at The Open in 2004 as an amateur, and three years ago he hit the headlines at St Andrews when he tied in third place on day one following his opening round of 66. He was, though, overshadowed by Rory McIlroy's major championship record-equalling 63 on the same day.

A lot has changed for the Challenge Tour player since then after he became a father for the first time to 10-month old Molly last year.

"It was very daunting the first time I played at The Open – you end up looking around and thinking about it a lot," he said. "I need to try to draw on my past experience as much as possible."

"It's a different course, a different place and I'm a different person. I have just matured and grown up a lot since then. I became a father for the first time last year."

Having come through qualifying ahead of players such as Colin Montgomerie, who did not make it, he just hopes to enjoy himself.

"I just want to play well," he said. "I haven't really thought about it. I haven't played there before – it's supposed to be a good place to play, though. I played really well in the qualifying – I was happy to get through it. It's always good to play in a major tournament and my game is in good shape."

Tiley, who turned professional in 2007, qualified last year with fellow Kent golfer Warren Bennett but did not make the cut at the halfway mark, whereas Bennett finished in joint 77th. After Tiley's blistering start in 2010, he finished four-over-par tied 68th.

FOOTBALL

Gillingham's all-time leading goalscorer Brian Yeo talks to **Greg Miles**

Gills goal king still takes pride from his record half-century on

FIFTY years ago this month, Freddie Cox signed a man who would go on to become the stuff of legend at Gillingham, breaking the all-time scoring record and equalling the most goals in one season in a 12-year spell at the club.

Half a decade on, you could forgive Brian Yeo for not remembering all those times he made the old onion-bag ripple and it is a knack he still has not fully understood.

With his beard and long hair, Yeo became a hero on the terraces at Priestfield in the 60s and 70s with his skill of getting the golden touch from a matter of yards out, scoring 136 times in 356 games.

Born in Worthing, West Sussex, his journey to Medway came via Portsmouth, where he was learning his trade in the reserves under the tutelage of Cox, who later took over at the Gills.

However, in his younger days he could have gone on to bigger things, as he recalls: "I did go up to Arsenal for a trial before I went to Portsmouth. I went up to Highbury and there were about 300 kids there – I had about two kicks of the ball and that was it. It was a waste of time, to a certain extent."

"I came back and Cox called me and I went down to Portsmouth the following Saturday. I had a trial and afterwards he asked me to join the groundstaff – and that was it, more or less."

"The following week I was down in digs with a couple of other lads. We were on the groundstaff working through the summer on the ground and returning. You spent your time being a general dogsbody."

Four years later, he moved on to Gillingham at the age of 19 and toiled away with another legendary figure ahead of him in the first team in Brian Gibbs.

Yeo did get his chance, though, in his debut

season, netting within four minutes of his first game, against Torquay at Priestfield in October 1963.

"In your early 20s you weren't being rushed," he said. "Perhaps players were given more time to develop as a player. A youngster now, if he's not good enough at 18, they are on the scrapheap a little bit."

"I remember my debut goal – it was against Torquay at home and there were about 15,000 fans there."

"It was my first touch of the ball. It was a bit of a defensive mistake, which was quite handy. The centre-half made a back-pass to the keeper and he had to stretch and palmed it wide. When I saw it going wide, I thought if I move in I could get in on the end of it. It was a bit of an angle, but I got it in."

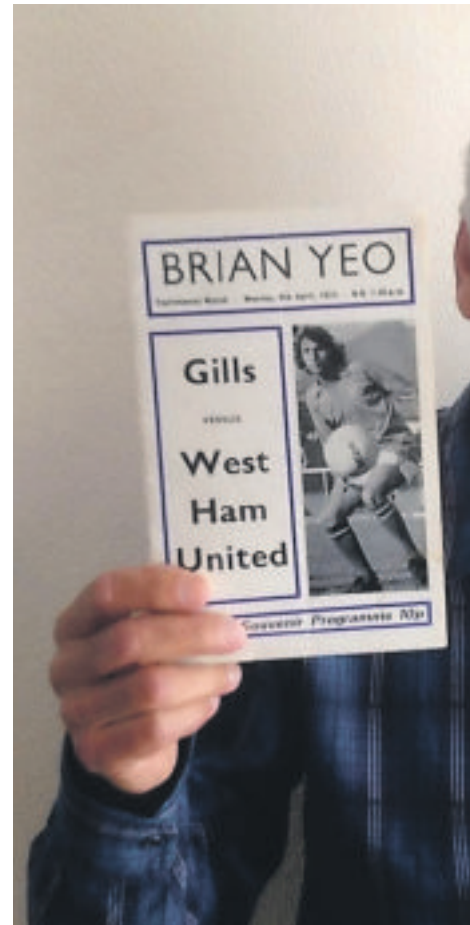
"Generally my goals were in the six-yard box – there weren't many from outside the box. It was a good start."

The 63/64 season was when the Gills won their first-ever league title, the Fourth Division, by a fraction of the old goal-average rule. However, Yeo did not get a winner's medal: "They only used to issue so many. At the time, it wasn't something I thought about. I was 19 and I had only just come to the club."

"I got one medal in football – that was being in the team of the Fourth Division. Not that medals worry me, but it would have been nice to get the championship one. In 1972, when we came second, we could have won it that year."

His instinct never died as after taking a further season to break into the team he became a mainstay for the next 11 years.

"In the old days, there wasn't a great deal of coaching as such," he said. "You just spent time running around a track. Obviously you gained a



certain amount of training, defensive or attacking wise. Someone can have a piece of paper and have all these diagrams of where to run, but it's different when you get on the pitch.

"If you're a forward, eventually you have got to end up in the box. I've known a lot of players who have been better footballers than me, but a lot of players are fearful of missing a chance, so they're not going to get in there as often."

"I haven't really got the answer as to how I scored goals – I didn't know half the time myself. There was no crystal ball about knowing when to be in that position."

While things improved towards the end of the 60s, the majority of his games came in a struggling side under Basil Hayward, begging the question how many could he have scored in a more successful team.

NON-LEAGUE TALK

Rook and Smith depart without appearing

NEW Dartford signing Lewis Smith has left the club without having played a competitive match after taking up a job in Australia.

The striker signed from relegated Conference South side AFC Hornchurch last month but is taking up a three-month contract with his work Down Under. However, Dartford boss Tony Burman has said the door is open for his return.

Striker Carl Rook, pictured, has left Whitstable Town just weeks after signing for the Ryman One South side.

Whitstable boss Nicky Southall said:

"Carl Rook has left us – he informed me by a text that he didn't want to drop down to our level."

"It is interesting that we now have a seven-day request from Hornchurch for Carl, so read into that as you want."



Welling United have completed the signing of former Arsenal youngster Callum Webb and Swede Doug Bergqvist.

Midfielder Webb played for the Gunners at under-18 level before leaving last summer. Swedish-born defender Bergqvist joins on a season-long loan from League Two side Exeter City.

CRICKET

Kent trio in T20 team of decade

THREE Kent players have been included in a best XI of players to have appeared in English T20 competition since it started a decade ago.

Darren Stevens was the overwhelming favourite for the all-rounder spot in the team voted for by fans, having been a consistent performer.

He is joined by wicketkeeper Geraint Jones, who featured in the county's 2007 triumph in the competition, and Kent captain, spinner James Tredwell.

Other members of the theo-

retical team are explosive batsmen David Miller and Luke Wright, while Marcus Trescothick and Jonathan Trott have been named as the opening batsmen.

Tredwell is joined at the tail end by Jack Shantry, Dominic Cork and Alfonso Thomas.

■ Kent are back in action at The Spitfire, St Lawrence Ground on Monday in their second mid-season County Championship match, with Hampshire the visitors to Canterbury.

about his knack of hitting the back of the net and running a newsagents



TRIBUTE: Brian Yeo was awarded a testimonial in April 1973 against West Ham United, whose team on the evening included such giants of the game as Bobby Moore, Frank Lampard, Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking

"We had years where we were struggling," said Yeo, 69. "One year we started off under Basil with something like 13 games without a win.

"If you're in a team that's flowing and playing attacking football, you're going to get more chances. If you're in a team that's struggling, you could get one chance and you might miss."

The goals continued to flow, though, as Yeo became the club's all-time leading goalscorer and equalled the record of goals in a season.

"It's not until years after, you realise it's nice and quite an achievement. I never thought the record would go on as long," he said. "If someone's taking penalties these days, they should be getting near that mark.

"I'm obviously proud I've done that. Even when I packed up playing, I hadn't dreamed that it would last this long."

LIFE AFTER PRIESTFIELD

LIFE after football for Brian Yeo still kept him in the heart of Gillingham as he ran a newsagents for 18 years.

His retirement, though, was prolonged for a year, with Gills boss Len Ashurst persuading him to stay on part-time for the 1974/75 season.

It was an agreement Yeo was happy with but honourably did not want to prolong.

"I didn't want to carry on playing and get to a good point in my career and nose-dive. I didn't want to just play Sunday league to earn a few bob," he said. "I thought it's not going to get any better. I was going to lose a bit of pace.

"He said at the end of that year did I want to carry on – I knew I was losing it and my edge was going.

"You can't play at that level part-time. The year helped Len out and he was able to look for a couple of strikers. It suited both of us. I didn't want to carry on taking the money for doing nothing, though."

Having retired at 31, he ran his own newsagents in Gillingham with his wife Jenny and also managed part-time at Folkestone and Canterbury thanks to a tip-off from former Gills striker Ernie Morgan, but football was not the be-all and end-all for Yeo.

"When I left Gillingham, Ernie Morgan, who was a friend of ours, said the Folkestone job was going. I didn't think it was for me, but I went down to see them. I thought I would give it a crack," he said.

"I did it for a couple of years and knocked that on the head, and then Canterbury came and asked me to do a few years there. I did about six or seven years in total at both clubs.

"I enjoyed my time at Folkestone and at

Canterbury. You were never going to get anywhere with it unless you wanted to go into the league, which I wasn't bothered about anyway.

"I enjoyed managing at the time because it did fill a space. It did carry me up to about 40

and got the football out of my system. It gave me a bit of an interest in the game.

"I'm not a great watcher of football. If a game is on, I will watch it. I've been out of it for so long now, though. It's been 30-odd years since I packed up. I don't mind watching the game, it doesn't bother me one way or another."

As with a lot of footballers of his generation, life beyond the game became an

important factor and led to him running a newsagents in Burnt Oak Terrace in the town for 18 years. It meant he kept in constant contact with fans coming into the shop.

He then went on to work as a newspaper delivery driver until he retired aged 59.

"They were saying you have to have something after you pack up football. Before you blink you're 30," he said.

"I remember this shop became available, and we ended up buying it. I was still playing for the Gills at the time. Jenny did the early mornings because I was going to training – she did that for about two years.

"We had the shop and were doing OK and I thought I would knock football on the head and concentrate on the business. We didn't really realise how hard it was going to be. It was seven days a week, but we were fortunate to have good staff.

"When I was doing the paper deliveries, it used to take me twice as long because everyone would stop me to talk about football."

Yeo's debut goal came after four minutes

Clubs Portsmouth, Gillingham, Folkestone, Canterbury
Gills appearances 356
Goals 136
Top goalscorer 1968/69,

1971/72 and 1973/74
Most goals in one season 31, in the 1973/74 season, equalling Ernie Morgan's record

Debut Gillingham 2-0 Torquay, October 23, 1963. Scored after four minutes and had a second-half goal disallowed.



Picture: ADY KERRY

BACK: McDonald returns for a third Gills spell

FOOTBALL

Fans' favourite McDonald is back at Gills

CODY McDonald has re-signed for Gillingham on a two-year deal.

The 27-year-old forward has long been tipped for a return to the club following a successful loan spell in the second half of last season in which he scored four goals in seven appearances and an equally impressive season on loan in 2010/11.

On Wednesday Gillingham fans got their wish as the striker arrived from Coventry City, where he was told he had no future. He had a year remaining on his contract with the Sky Blues but cancelled his contract by mutual consent.

Gillingham manager Martin Allen said: "Cody is a match-winner, he scores goals and in his loan period, on and off the field, he conducts himself in the right way.

"He works hard and Mr Scally has worked for the last couple of months to get this deal done. Last time here he got 26 goals in one season and this time he will be looking for 30."

McDonald first arrived at Priestfield for the 2010/11 season on loan from Norwich City. He quickly became a fans' favourite and scored 26 goals in 43 appearances.

His arrival means he is reunited with strike partner from that campaign, Bayo Akinfenwa, who signed for the Gills last week.

It looks to end veteran forward Deon Burton's days at the club as contract talks were called off, according to his agent Darryl Powell.

"Initially he was told that he would be offered a new deal," said Powell. "Gillingham chairman Mr Scally said it was too much and we came back with a new contract proposal, but it got to the point they had withdrawn their offer.

"My understanding was that Martin [Allen] didn't have the budget to spend until he sold a player. He is not a part of the plans now."

SPORTS SHORTS

MOTORSPORT

Conway back at Indy with two-race deal

SEVENOAKS racer Mike Conway has signed a deal that will see him return to IndyCar this weekend.

The 29-year-old quit racing on the IndyCar circuits at the end of last season following two crashes in recent years but returned to the series at Detroit last month; he also competed at Long Beach earlier this year.

Now he will race with Dale Coyne Racing at the Honda Indy Toronto this weekend and at the Grand Prix of Houston in October.

BASKETBALL

Cuesta takes up role as Crusaders coach

MEDWAY Park Crusaders have hired Spaniard Ivan Cuesta as their new first-team coach.

The 29-year-old was general manager and senior men's head coach of the Ciudad de Ponferrada Basketball Club last season and beat more than 50 applicants to replace Craig Nicol, who left at the end of last season.

Club chairman Jesse Sazant said: "It marks another significant step forward for us as a club. His passion, enthusiasm and knowledge have really impressed us."

ICE HOCKEY

Jackson returns after impressing for Mos

NETMINDER Davey Jackson has returned to the Invicta Dynamos after starring in their play-offs at the end of last season.

The Scot provided cover at the end of the campaign after a netminder crisis and impressed in the play-off campaign.

Coach Kevin Parrish said: "Davey has earned his spot on this year's team with a string of top displays towards the end of last season when he stepped in to help us out in difficult circumstances."

ATHLETICS

Junior talents make Great Britain team

THREE of Kent's top young athletics stars have been picked to represent Great Britain at the upcoming European Junior Championships in Italy.

Kent have two entries in the women's 5,000m, with Invicta East Kent runners Alex Clay and Rebecca Weston set to compete. Sprinter Dina Asher-Smith will look to keep up her impressive form in the 200m and 4x100m.

The championships take place from Thursday to Sunday, July 18-21, in Rieti, Italy.

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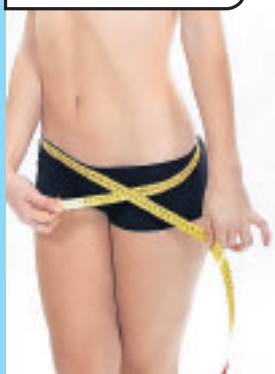
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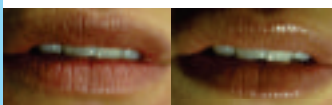


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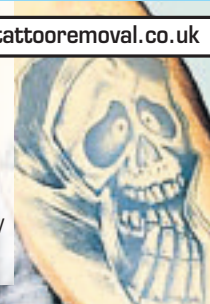
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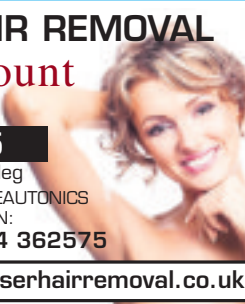
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